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U.S. soldiers work with parachute riggers to palletize halal meals for a humanitarian airdrop in Iraq on Thursday at an undisclosed location in southwest Asia.

## Vietnam still resonates in modern military decisions

By HILLEL ITALIE  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A dubious threat to U.S. interests. A swift vote in Congress for broad presidential war powers in response. A long, costly and bitterly debated war.

Fifty years ago Sunday, reacting to reports of a U.S. Navy encounter with enemy warships in the Gulf of Tonkin off Vietnam — reports long since discredited — Presi-

dent Lyndon Johnson signed a resolution passed overwhelmingly by Congress that historians call the crucial catalyst for deep American involvement in the Vietnam War. Many also see it as a cautionary tale that has gone unheeded.

"I think we are probably a bit better informed now, but I don't think that makes us a lot safer," says Edwin Moises, author of "Tonkin Gulf and the Escalation of the Vietnam War." Every era

brings new foreign policy and political challenges, said the Clemson University history professor, "and I think it is utterly unpredictable what kind of misunderstandings may come along."

"If you ask whether we learned anything, I would say not enough," says former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham, a Florida Democrat who opposed the war in Iraq, long after Tonkin and Vietnam.

In the last five decades, Tonkin

has not kept Washington from backing wars, but it has shadowed relations between presidents and Congress. Debates about foreign conflicts, whether in Bosnia, Syria or Iraq, have also been referendums on trust. Is the war really necessary? Is the president telling everything he knows? What should be the parameters, if any, for military action?

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**"To the average person, this looks like an empty piece of steel. But for us, we can envision the sounds and smells, what it was like when we were on board. It's sad to see her falling apart."**

— Frank Longobardo, a member of the last crew of the USS Saratoga, at the carrier's farewell ceremony

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# Insurgents' rocket hits Kabul airport

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — An insurgent-fired rocket struck the military side of Kabul International Airport on Friday, the same day Secretary of State John Kerry departed the city.

No one was injured in the attack, which happened just before

9 p.m., according to a spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force. Damage was minor, with a forklift destroyed, the spokesman said.

Kerry had departed well before the attack, an embassy official said.

The airport is split between the civilian side to the south and the military side to the north, which

houses an airbase and ISAF facilities. It is an occasional target for insurgents. Fighters attacked the airport on July 17, firing rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons from a vacant building. That attack briefly suspended flights on the civilian side of the airport before the six attackers were killed, according to Afghan officials at the time. No one else

was injured in the attack.

Kerry was in Kabul for two days to work on a power-sharing agreement between rival presidential contenders Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah. On Friday he brokered a deal to end a standoff over the disputed runoff vote.

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EVAN R. WHITE/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

## Bird feeder

An MV-22B Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, is refueled by a KC-130 on route to Hawaii on July 30. Four Ospreys launched from the USS Makin Island to insert an element of Marines into a simulated embassy compound.

By CAROL ROSENBERG  
The Miami Herald

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — A Navy nurse who refused to tube-feed hunger-striking prisoners is still assigned to the detention center here but is carrying out "administrative duties," the new prison commander said Friday.

Navy Rear Adm. Kyle Cozad also said he sees no reason to consider lifting the 250-day-old hunger-strike blackout and to resume revealing the number of prisoners designated for tube feedings each day.

Daily figures "weren't really operationally or medically relevant," the admiral said. He added that while hunger strike figures are not classified, "I really don't see a need to provide those."

Last month, a lawyer for a cleared, force-fed hunger striker told the story of the Navy lieutenant, a nurse, who refused to take part in the feedings — and the military confirmed it.

The attorney, Cori Crider, called the officer a courageous conscientious objector. She said her client quoted the nurse as announcing to a detainee: "I have come to the decision that I refuse to participate in this criminal act."

Cozad said he, as commander of the 2,200-strong detention center staff, about 150 of them medical staff, was handling the case as "an ongoing and administrative issue."

The nurse has never been publicly identified but Crider said her client, Abu Wael Dhiab, described him as a perhaps 40-year-old Latino who turned up on the cell-blocks in April or May.

Hundreds of military medical staff have worked at the prison camps since they opened in 2002

but this was the first known rebellion against Guantanamo's policy of shackling a detainee into a restraint chair, snaking a tube up the captive's nose and pumping nourishment into his stomach.

The prison's spokesman declined to elaborate on what Cozad's options might be in handling the case.

Cozad said the ongoing hunger strike "doesn't occupy my day" as the 14th commander of detention center he took over July 10.

He declined to characterize how widespread it is, adding it's not "an epidemic like was reported before."

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## MIDEAST

# Counting and discounting

## Logar province offers a window onto disputed Afghan election

BY PAMELA CONSTABLE  
The Washington Post

PUL-I-ALAM, Afghanistan — In an empty one-room office, a provincial manager for presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah slumped on a worn sofa, fuming in frustration. Flipping through a pocket notebook, he rattled off names of polling stations and descriptions of missing ballots, implausibly high voter turnouts and other alleged irregularities at each one.

"In this station, we found only five ballot boxes instead of nine, and nobody would tell us what had happened to them," Mohammed Qasem said Tuesday. "In this station, an elder came and cast ballots for 50 people, and the officials let him do it. In this district, there were 2,150 votes cast in the first round and 19,000 in the second. How is that physically possible? There is only one answer, and that is fraud."

A few blocks away in this small-town capital of Logar province, the campaign manager for Ashraf Ghani, Abdullah's rival, took phone calls nonstop in a bustling three-story headquarters. He exuded the assurance of victory, dismissing Qasem's complaints as sour grapes and offering a radically different version of the contested June 14 runoff poll.

"More people came out for the second round because the weather was better, security was better and they were more enthusiastic," Akbar Stanekzai asserted. "We reached out to mullahs and elders and asked the Taliban to cooperate on election day. The game is over, and we won fairly. The other side is just making excuses because they lost."

Forty miles north in Kabul, however, the battle was still in full swing this week. A U.N.-super-



PHOTOS BY PAM CONSTABLE/The Washington Post

**Election observer Ali Stanekzai, right, visits the local campaign office of presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah in Pul-i-Alam, Afghanistan, on Aug. 4 to discuss allegations of fraud with local campaign officials and supporters.**

vised audit of all 8.1 million ballots from June, suspended three times by disputes, finally got underway Monday. But the process soon bogged down in shouting matches, even fistfights, as observers from both campaigns argued endlessly over the criteria for saving or discarding a vote.

Abdullah's observers tried to disqualify as many votes as possible; Ghani's tried to save them. Both candidates have now agreed to accept the results, and a winner is expected to be declared by the end of the month.

The post-election scene in Logar, a lush agricultural province of about 1.3 million, offers a

window onto key problems with the nationwide contest: the degree of antagonism between the rival camps, the sharply divergent portraits they paint of the same voting processes, and the astonishing jump in voter turnout between April, when the initial vote took place, and June.

In the first round, according to the Independent Election Commission, about 34,000 people in Logar cast votes; in June, the figure alone tripled to 95,000. In the first round, with eight candidates on the ballot, Ghani won with 20,953 votes, and Abdullah came in second with 6,169. In the two-way runoff 10 weeks later, Ghani won with a whopping 85,567 votes to Abdullah's 8,722.

Similar dramatic increases in voting, all favoring Ghani, were recorded in many other provinces, and the official national turnout rose from 6.5 million to 8.1 million. Abdullah, who beat Ghani in the first round by 45 to 31 percent but did not obtain enough votes to win, lost in the runoff by 43 to 56 percent. He protested that the election had been marred by "industrial strength fraud," and both candidates, under pressure from Washington and the United Nations, agreed last month to a full recount.

To Abdullah's team here, the stunning upset was the product of hundreds of small acts of fraud and intimidation, some of which they recounted in specific detail. In Hasarak district, where the four ballot boxes went missing,

**'We do admit that most of the votes went to Dr. Ghani, but he could have won cleanly. It was people voting over and over and boxes being stuffed that we can't accept.'**

**Mahmad Jan Abit**  
Afghanistan election observer

a shopkeeper who served as an election observer for Abdullah swore the boxes had been spirited away to the homes of local election workers and Ghani supporters, whom he named.

"They were all taken the night before," Ali Stanekzai said. "There are only 450 houses in the village ... but the officials said 7,000 people voted. Of course the boxes were stuffed."

Mahmad Jan Abit, a retired police colonel and election observer for Abdullah, said he thought the first round was run fairly but that "everything changed" in the runoff. "Things were very opaque, very irregular," he said. For example, he said, women were bused from polling station to polling station without having their fingers dipped in ink after voting as the law required.

"Of course we protested, but our observers were threatened and not allowed to do their jobs,"

Abit said. "We do admit that most of the votes went to Dr. Ghani, but he could have won cleanly. It was people voting over and over and boxes being stuffed that we can't accept."

Ghani campaign officials, however, insisted there was nothing suspicious about the surge in votes for their candidate, a native of Logar who went on to work at the World Bank. Between April and June, they said the campaign went door to door, assuaged elders' suspicions about one of Ghani's running mates, a former warlord, and persuaded local Taliban fighters not to cause trouble.

"Of course we voted for him. This is his home, and he is a well-educated person. The others are all thieves," said the owner of a gas station in the Mohammad Agha district, whose windows were plastered with posters of Ghani in a tribal turban. A police officer nearby said there was no violence at the polls because members of the local Taliban got along with Ghani, a fellow ethnic Pashtun. "Everything was calm, and men and women alike felt free to vote," he said.

Senior officials in Logar backed up the Ghani campaign's assertions that the election was fair. Gov. Niaz Mohammad Amiri insisted there had been no official bias or interference. He said he disliked the ethnic divisions that had surfaced in the second round, but as for fraud, "I assure you it was zero, or at least the lowest in the country."



**A gas station owner in Logar Province, who uses the single name Sadaqat, displays support for presidential candidate Ashraf Ghani.**

## CRISIS IN IRAQ

## Obama proposes wider long-term plan in Iraq

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Saturday proposed a broader long-term strategy to confront Islamic State militants in Iraq, who have surprised U.S. intelligence with the fast pace of their advance on the Kurdish capital of Irbil.

Obama warned Americans that the new campaign to bring security in Iraq requires military and political changes and "is going to be a long-term project." He wouldn't give a timetable for how long the U.S. military

involvement would last, saying it depends on Iraq's political efforts.

"I don't think we are going to solve this problem in weeks," Obama said. "I think this is going to take some time."

The president said Iraqi security forces need to revamp to mount an offensive effectively, which requires a government in Baghdad that the Iraqi military and people have confidence in. Obama said Iraq needs a prime minister — an indication that he believes he's written off the legitimacy of the incumbent, Nouri al-Maliki.

Obama said he won't close the U.S. Embassy or the Irbil consulate, which means American troops and diplomats will remain on the ground who will need protecting. He said that where U.S. personnel are threatened, it's his obligation as commander in chief to protect them.

The president said humanitarian efforts continue to airdrop food and water to persecuted religious minorities stranded on a mountaintop, and he said planning was underway for how to get them down.

Obama made his comments and took a few questions from re-

porters on the South Lawn of the White House just before boarding Marine One for his summer vacation in Massachusetts.

He went back inside for his wife, Michelle, and daughter Malia, and then quickly departed for a two-week vacation on Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Obama sharply rejected the premise that it was his decision to pull out from Iraq and said it was because Iraqis didn't want U.S. troops there.

He repeated that the U.S. is not going to have us combat troops in Iraq again.

"We are going to maintain that

because we should have learned a lesson from our long and immensely costly incursion into Iraq," Obama said.

The president said there's "no doubt" the Islamic State advance on Irbil "has been more rapid than the intelligence estimates."

U.S. military jets launched several airstrikes Friday on isolated targets, including two mortar positions and a vehicle convoy.

U.S. officials announced Friday night the second airdrop of food and water in as many days for the imperiled refugees.

## US aids displaced Iraqis as airstrikes help Kurds

By DIAA HADID  
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The Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — The U.S. launched a new airdrop Saturday to aid thousands of members of an Iraqi minority group who fled from Islamic extremists, as Iraq's foreign minister said U.S. airstrikes have helped Kurdish forces counter the militants' advance.

An American military team is currently in the Kurdish regional capital, Irbil, working to ensure tactical coordination with Kurdish peshmerga forces, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari told a news conference late Friday.

"Air strikes are intended to degrade the terrorists' capabilities and achieve strategic gains — and have been very effective," said Zebari, a Kurd.

The airstrikes marked the first time U.S. forces have directly targeted the Islamic State group and the first tentative military engagement in Iraq since U.S. troops withdrew at the end of 2011.

Many of America's allies backed the U.S. intervention, pledging urgent steps to assist the legions of refugees and displaced people. Those in jeopardy included thousands of members of the Yazidi minority whose plight — trapped on a mountaintop by the militants — prompted the U.S. to airdrop dozens of crates of food and water.

The extremists have captured hundreds of Yazidi women, according to an Iraqi official, while thousands of other civilians fled in fear as the militants seized a string of northern towns and villages in recent days.

Yazidis belong to ancient religion seen by the Islamic State group as heretical. The extremist group considers Shiite Muslims apostates, and has demanded Christians either convert to Islam or pay a special tax.

American planes conducted a second airdrop of food and water early Saturday for those trapped in the Sinjar mountains, said Pentagon chief spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby.

Escorted by two Navy fighter

jets, three planes dropped 72 bundles of supplies for the refugees, including more than 28,000 meals and more than 1,500 gallons of water, said Kirby, who spoke from New Delhi during a trip with U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

The U.S. military, which withdrew its forces from Iraq in late 2011 after more than eight years of war, returned to battle when two F/A-18 jets dropped 500-pound bombs onto a piece of artillery and the truck towing it outside Irbil on Friday.

The Pentagon said the militants were using the artillery to shell Kurdish forces defending the capital of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, which is home to a U.S. consulate and about three dozen U.S. military trainers.

Later Friday, the U.S. launched a second round of airstrikes near Irbil, U.S. officials said. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the strikes publicly, said four Navy F/A-18 fighter jets destroyed a seven-vehicle convoy while unmanned aircraft hit a mortar launcher.

Expanding from their stronghold of Mosul, the militants have captured a string of towns and Iraq's largest hydroelectric dam and reservoir in recent weeks. Ethnic and religious minorities, fearing persecution and slaughter, have fled in growing numbers.

According to the U.N., more than 500,000 people have been displaced by the violence in Iraq since June, bringing the total this year to well over 1 million.

The Islamic State group captured Mosul in June, and then launched a blitz toward the south, sweeping over Sunni-majority towns almost to the capital, Baghdad. It already holds large parts of western Iraq, as well as swaths of neighboring Syria.

Iraqi government forces crumbled in the face of the assault but have since been able to prevent the militants from advancing into Shiite-majority areas. In the north, the Kurds have been the main line of defense against the radicals, but their fighters are stretched over a long front trying



STEVE LIMPANY, BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE/AP

Humanitarian aid is loaded onto a British C-130 Hercules at RAF Brize Norton, England, en route to Iraq, as the West tries to counter the threat from Islamic State extremists in the troubled country.

to fend them off.

Two Gulf-based airlines said Saturday they have rerouted flights over Iraq because of the deteriorating security situation, as Turkish Airlines said it has resumed flights to the northern Iraqi city of Irbil.

Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways and Bahrain's Gulf Air announced their decisions after a similar move by Dubai-based Emirates, the Middle East's largest carrier. On Friday the Obama administration ordered U.S. airlines not to fly over Iraq.

Meanwhile, the Kurdish Regional Government released a statement Saturday saying that militants have been unable to target oil operations in the Kurdish region, and that production remains unaffected by the current crisis.

## CRISIS IN IRAQ

## Deciding to intervene

By JOSH LEDERMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama had watched with alarm for most of the summer as an al-Qaida-linked insurgency seized more and more territory in northern Iraq. But it wasn't until Thursday, when Obama learned that genocide could be imminent, that the president decided the U.S. military had to act.

Reports streamed into the Situation Room that morning from U.S. diplomats and intelligence officials: Stories of mass executions, women being enslaved as brides, members of a small religious group trapped on a mountain and potentially dying of thirst.

Then, the president, for the first time, was given an assessment that thrust the crisis into a new category.

As one top official put it: "I had not heard the word 'genocide' used in the Situation Room before."

By the time 90-minute meeting ended, it was clear Obama planned to order humanitarian aid to be airdropped to the Yazidis, a religious minority being targeted by the Islamic State militant group. But advisers were unsure whether Obama would go one step further: airstrikes in Iraq, just three years after the U.S. pulled out from a war that Obama never liked.

As the fast-growing Sunni rebellion overran major Iraqi cities in early June, Obama began weighing his options. A U.S. aircraft carrier was ordered into the Persian Gulf, and Obama began dispatching hundreds of special forces to advise Iraqis and to protect U.S. personnel.

On one point, Obama was firm: No



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

President Barack Obama listens during a phone call with Jordan's King Abdullah II, October 2014, according to the White House, on Friday in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

ground troops would be returning to Iraq. Yet the prospect of targeted airstrikes hung in the air. Obama was reluctant to take that step, but it could prove critical to preventing a security collapse in Iraq.

In July, some lawmakers were demanding immediate drone strikes, while others were urging the opposite. A top senator threatened to block sales of arms to Iraq, and House of Representatives lawmakers easily passed a resolution to bar Obama from sending forces into Iraq long-term without their approval.

Pentagon leaders were reviewing what U.S. assistance might help Iraq's beleaguered military, while diplomats pressed Iraqi leaders for a political transition that would bring disenfranchised Sunnis and Kurds into the government.

Wednesday was a tipping point. Obama was in three days of meetings with nearly 50 African heads of state who had come to Washington at his invitation. But roughly 6,000 miles away, the Yazidis were in trouble, having fled to the mountains to escape the extremists.

Senior administration officials met throughout the day at the White House, where they learned that the Iraqis had tried, and failed, to resupply the Yazidis, who were in dire need of food and water.

The Kurds, America's closest allies in Iraq, had sought to hold off the extremists. But on Wednesday, the Kurdish militia started falling back, moving away from Iraq's largest hydroelectric dam as they sought to consolidate their forces to protect the city of Irbil.

Eventually, insurgents took the dam. If fully breached, the dam could flood major swaths of land, endangering the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, joined Obama for the limo ride back to the White House, where Obama said he knew the Yazidis' humanitarian crisis must be addressed.

By Thursday morning, things had worsened. People were fleeing Irbil. Obama made clear he was inclined to approve military action, officials said. The officials discussed Obama's decision-making on the

condition they not be identified.

Obama met for two hours with his team in the Situation Room, where Secretary of State John Kerry and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, both abroad, were linked by videoconference. Obama informed his staff he was authorizing two missions: airdrops for the Yazidis, and military strikes in the event Americans were in danger.

Cable news and Twitter soon were abuzz with reports about U.S. military action in Iraq. The White House didn't comment, fearing it could jeopardize the first humanitarian drop, which was underway in Iraq under the cover of night.

Just after 9 p.m., reporters were hastily summoned to the State Dining Room, where Obama spoke to the nation.

"When many thousands of innocent civilians are faced with the danger of being wiped out, and we have the capacity to do something about it, we will take action," Obama said. "That is our responsibility as Americans."

## Mission creep seen as a possibility in new effort

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY  
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WASHINGTON — For three years, President Barack Obama has declared himself the man who closed the door on a dark decade of U.S. war in Iraq. Now he has opened the door again.

Other than insisting on U.S. combat troops will return to Iraq, Obama's advisers outlined few clear lines and no definitive end to America's latest military mission, which began Friday with airstrikes against Sunni militants and drops of humanitarian aid. Given Obama's stated reluctance to use military force in Syria and other hot spots, the White House faced pressure to explain why Iraq was different, what airstrikes would achieve and whether Obama was launching a new phase of an old war.

"I see this as a watershed event," said retired Army Lt. Gen. David W. Barno, the top commander in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2005. "Now that we are using lethal force in Iraq, that's a huge bridge to cross, and it's very difficult to get back across once you are over it."

The U.S. is flying armed drones

and fighter jets over the approaches to Irbil, looking for targets to hit, officials said. As long as the militants can be kept out of major cities, the air campaign can degrade their strength with targeted strikes against vehicles and heavy weapons that are relatively easy to hit in the open, military officials said. That would give Kurdish fighters in the north, and the Iraqi army closer to Baghdad, time to regain their footing.

But the militants are likely to respond by dispersing forces to avoid the U.S. bombs. If they start losing equipment and taking casualties, they may pull back. At a minimum, U.S. officials say, continued airstrikes will delay or deter further advances.

Douglas Ollivant, a retired Army officer who served in Iraq and a former National Security Council official under Obama, said keeping the U.S. military involvement limited was possible because the Islamic State had shown little capability to take control of Irbil or Baghdad. Others weren't so sure. Some critics said the White House simply could have ordered Americans to leave Irbil, rather than launch airstrikes, just as it evacuated the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya, last month as fighting surged there.

Some experts warned that "targeted strikes" would prove ineffective. Stephen Biddle, a defense expert at the Council on Foreign Relations, said pinpoint bombings have "zero meaningful chance" of ending the widening sectarian war in Iraq. Absent a clear defeat of the militants, Obama may face pressure to do more and more. "The mission creep and quagmire risk is very real," he said.

If the militants, who are believed to have thousands of fighters, continue to make gains on the ground or shift to another part of Iraq, the U.S. could face pressure to widen the air campaign, or even to put U.S. personnel with Iraqi or Kurdish units on the ground, to call in more precise airstrikes and to advise them on tactics, Barno said.

In the past, Obama has been determined to keep limits on a Pentagon that often pushes to extend military operations. He now is invested personally in the Iraq conflict as he was not before. He may wind up confirming a lesson that Iraq already proved once: Starting a war is easy. Ending one is much harder.

Obama already has faced criticism from Republicans, some of whom urged him to use more firepower.

"Frankly the threat posed by

(the Islamic State) requires a more fulsome response and a more comprehensive plan than has thus far been put forward by the administration," House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said in a statement Friday. "We shouldn't wait until terrorists are at the doorstep of U.S. personnel or are threatening thousands of civilians with death on a mountaintop to confront this threat."

Such criticism could wear on Obama's already sliding approval ratings, particularly on foreign policy. But White House aides were more concerned with reassuring Americans, particularly in the Democratic base, that the president was not embarking on another war in Iraq.

The White House offered repeated assurances Friday. White House spokesman Josh Earnest declared a "specific presidential commitment" to avoid a prolonged campaign.

But senior administration officials put no time frame on the bombing and offered no definition of success.

The risks of an open-ended air war were shown when Obama agreed to intervene in Libya in 2011. The U.S. joined what was initially called a limited international effort to halt attacks on civilians. The bombing campaign dragged on for months before rebels overthrew Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi. The country is again torn by violence today.

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## CRISIS IN IRAQ

# Militants hold hundreds of Yazidi women

BY SAMEER N. YACUB  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Hundreds of women from the Yazidi religious minority have been taken captive by Sunni militants with “vicious plans,” an Iraqi official said Friday, further underscoring the dire plight of Iraq’s minorities at the hands of the Islamic State group.

Kamil Amin, the spokesman for Iraq’s Human Rights Ministry, said hundreds of Yazidi women below the age of 35 are being held in schools in Iraq’s second largest city, Mosul. He said the ministry learned of the captives from their families.

“We think that the terrorists by now consider them slaves and they have vicious plans for them,” Amin told The Associated Press. “We think that these women are going to be used in demeaning ways by those terrorists to satisfy their animalistic urges in a way that contradicts all the human and Islamic values.”

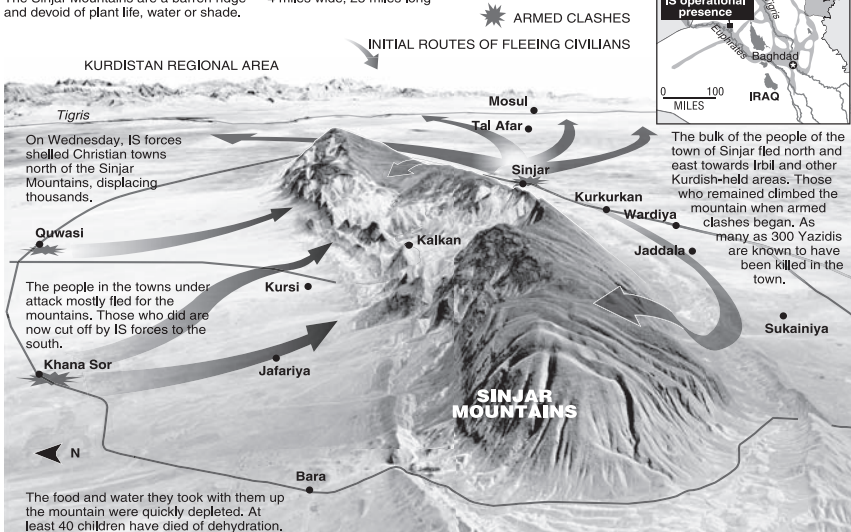
The U.S. has confirmed that the Islamic State group has kidnapped and imprisoned Yazidi women so that they can be sold or married off to extremist fighters, said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the information came from classified intelligence reports. There was no solid estimate of the number of women victimized, the official said.

Tens of thousands of Yazidis fled when the Islamic State group earlier this month captured the northern Iraqi town of Sinjar, near the Syrian border. The Yazidis practice an ancient religion that the Sunni Muslim radicals consider heretical.

The extremist group’s capture of a string of towns and villages in the north has sent minority communities fleeing for their lives. The Islamic state views Yazidis and Shiite Muslims as apostates, and has demanded Christians

## Island of safety becomes a death trap

Between 10,000 and 40,000 ethnic Yazidis are trapped in the Sinjar Mountains after fleeing attacks by fighters from the Islamic State. The 4,400-foot-high Sinjar range is venerated by the Yazidis. They believe it to be the place where Noah’s ark settled after the biblical flood. The Sinjar Mountains are a barren ridge — 4 miles wide, 25 miles long and devoid of plant life, water or shade.



SOURCES: Google Earth, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

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either convert to Islam or pay a special tax.

About 50,000 Yazidis — half of them children, according to U.N. figures — fled to the mountains outside Sinjar where many of them remain, trapped and running out of food and water. Late

Thursday, the U.S. military cargo jets dropped humanitarian aid to the mountains.

Amin’s comments were the first Iraqi government confirmation that some women were being held by the group. On Tuesday, Yazidi lawmaker Vian Dakheel

made an emotional plea in parliament to the Iraqi government to save the Yazidi people, saying the “women have been sold in a slavery market.”

President Barack Obama said the humanitarian aid drops were made at the request of the Iraqi

government as the Islamic State militant group tightened its grip on northern Iraq. In his remarks late Thursday, he mentioned “chilling reports” of fighters with the group “rounding up families, conducting mass executions, and enslaving Yazidi women.”

# Kurdish pleas for US weapons may finally be answered

BY KEN DILANIAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For years, Kurdish officials have beseeched the Obama administration to let them buy U.S. weapons. And for just as long, the administration has rebuffed the Kurds, America’s closest allies in Iraq.

U.S. officials insisted they could only sell arms to the government in Baghdad, even after Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki broke a written promise to deliver some of them to the Kurds, whose peaceful, semi-autonomous northern region had been the lone success story to come out of the 2003 U.S. invasion.

Now, the administration is confronting the consequences of that policy. The Islamic State group, which some American officials have dubbed “a terrorist army,” overpowered lightly armed Kurdish units in a blitzkrieg that has threatened the Kurdish region and the American personnel stationed there.

In June, the Pentagon dispatched 300

military advisers to Iraq. Dozens of them are operating out of Irbil, the capital of the Kurdish region, which is now under threat from the Islamic State.

In a bitter irony, the extremists used American armored vehicles and weapons they had seized from the hapless Iraqi military to defeat Kurdish fighters who were blocked from acquiring just such equipment, U.S. and Kurdish officials said.

The U.S. sought to halt the extremists’ advance Friday with airstrikes, but Kurdish officials also said Washington has promised to begin sending them arms. Pentagon officials said their policy hasn’t changed — they will only sell arms to Baghdad.

That raises the question of whether the CIA has begun providing weapons in secret to the Kurds, something U.S. officials will neither confirm nor deny. The CIA declined to comment on whether it was sending arms.

But whether or not a covert program is underway, a growing number of voices are calling for the U.S. to begin openly and speedily arming the Kurds.

“The only way to confront this threat is to arm Iraqi security forces and Kurdish forces, and yet we’re doing nothing to support either one of those,” said retired Gen. Michael Barbero, who used to run the mission training the Iraqi military. “It just doesn’t make sense to me. It’s an existential threat, so why are we not in there at least equipping and arming them?”

White House spokesman John Earnest said Friday the U.S. has begun stepping up its help to the Iraqi military and the Kurds.

“We have a strong military-to-military relationship with Iraq’s security forces, and the Iraqi security forces have shared some of those assets with Kurdish security forces,” Earnest said. “We have also demonstrated a willingness to increase the flow of supplies, including arms, to Kurdish security forces as they confront the threat that’s posed by [the Islamic State].”

In an interview published Saturday in The New York Times, Obama praised the Kurds and how they’ve governed their region of Iraq. But he said the U.S. does not

want to get into the business of providing an air force for either the Iraqi government or the Kurds.

The president said he was telling the various factions, “We will be your partners, but we are not going to do it for you. We’re not sending a bunch of U.S. troops back on the ground to keep a lid on things.”

Karwan Zebari, spokesman for the Iraqi Kurdistan region in Washington, said in an interview that U.S. officials have assured him that guns and ammunition would be forthcoming.

The U.S. has not wanted to stoke the Kurds’ desire for, and Baghdad’s fear of, an independent Kurdish state.

Officials tried to steer some of the aid to the Kurds, but it didn’t work.

Under the Pentagon’s foreign military sales program, some \$200 million worth of U.S. weapons that was supposed to be earmarked for the Kurds by the Maliki government was never delivered to them, Barbero said.

## VETERANS

## VA to conduct outside audit of schedulers

By PATRICK DICKSON  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has begun an independent, nationwide review of all scheduling practices at VA medical facilities, according to new VA Secretary Bob McDonald.

During a visit to the Phoenix clinic where reports of bad scheduling practices first surfaced, McDonald also announced a series of additional actions to improve veterans' access to timely, quality health care following a series of meetings with veterans and employees, according to a VA news release.

It was McDonald's first trip as secretary.

"VA is committed to instilling integrity into our scheduling practices to deliver the timely care that veterans deserve," McDonald was quoted as saying in the news release. "It is important that our scheduling practices be reviewed by a respected, independent source to help restore trust in our system, and I'm grateful to the Joint Commission for taking on this critical task."

McDonald announced that every VA medical center will undergo an independent review of scheduling and access practices beginning in the fall. A nonprofit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

McDonald also outlined actions VA will be taking to accelerate access to care, according to the news release. Among them:

- VA will conduct a holistic review that results in actionable initiatives to ensure a strong ethical environment across our health care system.

- All medical center directors will be required to notify the undersecretary for health if access or quality-of-care standards are not being met.

- VA will review senior leader performance plans in the Veterans Health Administration to better align with VA's strategic plan and the outcomes that matter most — satisfied veterans.

- VA will review employee performance goals to ensure they are focused on providing timely quality care.

- Require medical center directors to ensure that all VA staff with scheduling privileges complete the mandatory scheduler training in compliance with VA's scheduling directive, as they are doing in Phoenix.

On Aug. 5, McDonald directed all VA health care and benefits facilities to hold town-hall events by the end of September to improve communication with, and hear directly from, veterans nationwide.

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RIC SCUTERI/AP

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Bob McDonald speaks at the Phoenix VA hospital on Friday.

## McDonald visits scandal-plagued Phoenix hospital

By EMAUN KASHFI  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Veterans Affairs Secretary Bob McDonald visited a VA hospital Friday for the first time since taking over the embattled agency last month, meeting with veterans and health care providers and vowing to restore trust in the organization.

Reports that dozens of people died while waiting to see a doctor and that employees covered up long wait times at the Phoenix VA hospital helped touch off a national firestorm over veteran care. The former VA secretary was forced to resign, and President Barack Obama on Thursday

signed \$16.3 billion law to overhaul the department.

McDonald said his visit to the Phoenix hospital was the first of what would be many across the country in the next few months.

"I've been on the job about a week or so, and I'm more encouraged than I've been before," the former Procter and Gamble CEO said. "This is doable."

He promised to regain veterans' trust by changing the culture of the agency.

McDonald, a West Point graduate and former Army Ranger, held up a button that employees will wear with the acronym "ICARE," which stands for integrity, commitment, advocacy and respect.

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McDonald said it represents the VA's effort to return to its original mission of caring for men and women who fought for the country.

"We're going to look at everything we do from the lens of

the veterans," McDonald said. "Not from the lens of Veterans Affairs."

As part of that effort, McDonald said he will ensure that "employees who have violated the trust of veterans or the department are held accountable."

So far, the Phoenix VA hospital has taken emergency measures to get care for veterans who were placed on long, clandestine waitlists.

McDonald said the hospital has scheduled all primary-care appointments for wait-listed vets, opened temporary mobile medical units from other states and planned to open a new clinic to help with demand.

## Veterans say goodbye at USS Saratoga ceremony

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT  
The Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Veterans who served on the USS Saratoga said goodbye Friday to the aircraft carrier that was their home.

More than 100 veterans from all eras of the carrier's life took part in a farewell ceremony at Naval Station Newport. The Saratoga will be towed to Texas later this month to be dismantled.

Many said it was difficult to see the decommissioned carrier in a state of disrepair. They had tried to save it by establishing a foundation to turn it into a museum. But the Navy took the Saratoga off the donation list in 2010 after another carrier, the USS John F. Kennedy, became available for a museum and the foundation switched its preservation efforts.

"I wanted to see her before she goes to that big ocean in the sky," said Richard Crudele, 76, of Cranston, R.I. "But I don't like it one bit. She deserves to be a museum."

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. James D'Agostino, director of the Kennedy project, assured the vets there will be a memorial to the Saratoga on board the future museum ship. Several men who helped commission the Saratoga in 1956

threw a wreath into the water as another veteran played taps. Earl Clough's eyes filled with tears.

"A lot of my life is in there," said the 79-year-old from Laconia, N.H. "That's my lady."

The veterans walked along the pier, taking pictures and looking up at the Saratoga one last time. Chad Thomas, 46, traveled from Washington state to attend.

"All I want to do is get back on," he said.

The Saratoga — named for the decisive battle of the American Revolution fought in upstate New York — completed 22 deployments before it was decommissioned in 1994. It was off the coast of Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis, off of Vietnam during the Vietnam War and in the Persian Gulf during the first Iraq War. It arrived in Newport in 1998.

Frank Longobardo, 41, of Middletown, N.J., said joining the last crew on the Saratoga in 1993 was a dream come true.

"To the average person this looks like an empty piece of steel," he said. "But for us, we can envision the sounds and smells, what it was like when we were on board. It's sad to see her falling apart."

"She was our home," said Monty Gomez, 80, of Middletown, R.I. "She supported us and it's time to say goodbye."



JENNIFER McDERMOTT/AP

Veterans of the decommissioned aircraft carrier USS Saratoga salute the vessel during a farewell ceremony at Naval Station Newport in Rhode Island on Friday.

## MILITARY

# Vietnam: Tonkin resolution haunts modern deliberations

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Graham was chairman of the intelligence committee when the Senate debated, in the fall of 2002, whether to authorize military action in Iraq. Did Saddam Hussein, as alleged by the George W. Bush administration, possess weapons of mass destruction? Graham found the case "soft and unreliable" and voted no. But most of his colleagues disagreed. The Sept. 11 attacks were barely a year old, and the midterm election was just a month away, a difficult time to turn away the president or the Pentagon.

The Senate approved the Iraq resolution 77-23, the House 296-133. A U.S.-led coalition invaded Iraq, opening a conflict that lasted for years. As Graham and others feared, the weapons were not found.

Former Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga., who had been badly wounded in Vietnam, was among those who supported the 2002 legislation. "I can't believe I volunteered for one war, which turned out to be a massive tragedy for the United States, and I went to the Senate and voted for another war which turned out to be a massive tragedy," he said.

"It was right before my reelection and I felt compelled for my own hide," explains Cleland, who nonetheless was defeated. "It became the worst vote I made in my life."

Trust in the White House was high at the time Johnson signed the Tonkin resolution on Aug. 10, 1964.

The Tonkin resolution was submitted and passed within 48 hours, its urgency heightened by the alleged attack and two other factors: Johnson was running for president against Barry Goldwater, the Republicans' most conservative candidate in decades, and U.S. involvement was steadily growing in the conflict between North Vietnam and U.S. ally South Vietnam.

Johnson's predecessor, John F. Kennedy, had increased the U.S. military presence in Vietnam from a few hundred advisers to more than 16,000.

As Johnson saw it in 1964, he would lose no matter what. If he expanded the war, he would never fulfill his dream of building a "Great Society" at home, and the North Vietnamese could well still prevail. Let South Vietnam fight on its own, presumably in vain, and Johnson would be accused of surrendering to the communists.

"I knew from the start that I was bound to be crucified either way I moved," Johnson lamented after he left office.

Aides privately had planned for a hesitant military involvement and drafted what became the Tonkin resolution by late spring, but Johnson hesitated to seek approval, fearing he would be perceived as too eager for war. Reports from the coast of North Vietnam — some firm, some sketchy — changed his mind. For months, the U.S. had been conducting clandestine missions,

engaging in what historians now consider provocations. On Aug. 2, gunfire was briefly exchanged between the North Vietnamese and the Americans, leading to the sinking of a North Vietnamese boat. According to Stanley Karnow's respected history, "Vietnam," Johnson considered pushing for the resolution, but decided to hold off because no Americans had been harmed.

Two days later, the commander of the destroyer Maddox, Capt. John J. Herrick, believed he had picked up radio messages communicating a planned North Vietnamese attack. The Maddox and a second vessel, the Turner Joy, began firing at what they thought were enemy patrol boats launching torpedoes against the Americans.

"But hardly had the shooting stopped than Herrick and his men began to have second thoughts," Karnow wrote. "Not a single sailor on either vessel had seen or heard enemy gunfire."

Still, reports of a second conflict, however vague, were enough to convince Johnson that it was time to act. A Pentagon spokesman denounced a "second deliberate attack" and the U.S. launched its first bombing mission against the North Vietnamese. Johnson, meanwhile, addressed the nation on television.

"Repeated acts of violence against the armed forces of the United States must be met not only with alert defense, but with positive reply. That reply is being given as I speak to you tonight," Johnson stated.

On Aug. 5, Johnson sent the resolution to Congress, where Democrats held solid majorities. The House of Representatives approved it unanimously two days later. The Senate passed it the same day 88-2, only Democrats Wayne Morse of Oregon and Sen. Ernest Gruening of Alaska voted "No." Morse warned that approval would be a "historic mistake," one that future generations would view "with dismay and great disappointment."

The Tonkin resolution ran only seven paragraphs, its language allowing the president "to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression" and to assist any ally in the region "requesting assistance in defense of its freedom." The resolution had no end date.

It became his basis for the years of expansion that followed.

George Will, the author and columnist, doubts that many current legislators think of the Tonkin resolution, but he does see resistance to military action that would have been far less likely in the pre-Vietnam era. He notes President Obama's decision last year to hold off on air strikes in Syria as many in Congress expressed reluctance to intervene. "Congress clearly flinched at what has become a core presidential power," Will says.

The Tonkin resolution had



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A U.S. jet roars off the deck of the USS Constellation on Aug. 14, 1964, in the Tonkin Gulf, Vietnam.



President Lyndon Johnson, right, talks with Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, seated at left, after McNamara returned from a fact-finding trip to South Vietnam in 1964.

profound consequences, but it achieved Johnson's short-term goals, said Jonathan Darman, author of "Landslide," a book centered on the 1964 election that comes out in September. Conservative criticism leveled off, with even Goldwater praising the president, and Vietnam faded from the headlines for a time. Campaigning on a theme of peace and prosperity, Johnson won more than 60 percent of the vote in November.

But doubts about what happened at the Gulf of Tonkin and misgivings about the resolution grew as the U.S. failed to deliver on promised victory in Vietnam.

Johnson, himself, privately had dismissed the alleged second attack, joking that "those dumb stupid sailors were just shooting at flying fish."

Tonkin began a fateful cycle of disillusion, rising throughout the 1960s as the war expanded, and culminating almost exactly a decade later with the resignation of President Richard Nixon over the Watergate scandal.

"In some ways, you could trace the corrosive mistrust of government to that (Tonkin)," said the historian Sean Wilentz. "It's the beginning of the credibility gap, the beginning of people feeling the government was saying one

thing, doing another."

"Tonkin became the poster child of this idea that presidents misled the country into unproductive and unwinnable conflicts," said historian and Johnson biographer Robert Dallek.

Congress rescinded the resolution in 1970, although by that time Nixon was president and cited his powers as commander in chief for continuing the war. Three years later, over Nixon's veto, Congress passed the War Powers Act, which called for far greater consultation with the legislative branch.

The government, itself, would issue one of the harshest assessments of the Tonkin events. In 2005, thirty years after the U.S. left Vietnam and in the midst of the Iraqi conflict, the National Security Agency declassified a review concluding that the second Tonkin attack did not take place. Written by agency historian Robert J. Hanyok and titled "Skunks, Boggles, Silent Hounds, and the Flying Fish," the 56-page summary bluntly criticized intelligence officers.

"What was issued in the Gulf of Tonkin summaries beginning late on August 4 was deliberately skewed to support the notion that there had been an attack," Hanyok wrote. "That the NSA personnel believed that the attack happened and rationalized the contradictory evidence away is probably all that is necessary to know in order to understand what was done. They walked alone in their counsels."

## NATION

# 40 years on, PTSD still afflicts Vietnam vets

By ALAN ZAREMBO  
Los Angeles Times

Four decades after the end of the Vietnam War, 11 percent of its U.S. veterans continue to have post-traumatic stress disorder, according to new research updating a landmark study conducted in the 1980s.

At that time, researchers found that 15 percent of Vietnam veterans had PTSD.

The new findings, presented Friday at a meeting of the American Psychological Association, suggest that for a significant portion of Vietnam veterans the disorder is a chronic condition.

"They develop a very difficult

to-treat form of PTSD," said Dr. Charles Marmar, a psychiatrist at New York University who worked on the original study and the follow-up, which was funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Some experts not involved in the research, however, suggested the new estimate may be too high because it relied on a standardized questionnaire rather than a structured clinical interview that is considered the gold standard for diagnosing the disorder.

When the researchers used the interview method to assess a subset of veterans in the study, the PTSD rate fell to 4.5 percent.

"How one assesses PTSD affects one's estimate of its prevalence," said Richard McNally, a Harvard University psychologist and expert on the disorder.

The original research, known as the National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study, included 1,632 veterans who had been deployed to the war and 716 others who served during that era but never went to Vietnam.

Based on that sample, it is estimated that 31 percent of Vietnam veterans had suffered from PTSD at some point in their lives but that by the late 1980s about half no longer did.

Those findings were contro-

versial because less than a third of servicemembers in Vietnam were in combat roles or combat support units. One reanalysis of the data years later found that 19 percent had PTSD at some point and that 9 percent were still suffering from it.

For the new study, the researchers tracked down the old research subjects.

PTSD has long been associated with early death, so researchers were not surprised to find that among veterans who deployed to Vietnam, those who had the disorder in the 1980s were twice as likely as those without it to be dead today.

Roughly 1 in 4 had died. Their death rate from cancer was especially elevated, possibly because veterans with PTSD are more likely to smoke.

Of the 1,839 veterans from the original study who were still alive, 1,450 participated in the new research.

"The majority of people, even those in high combat, successfully adjust," Marmar said.

But the study found that certain groups face an increased risk of developing PTSD: high school dropouts, minorities, those who engaged in killing, and those who were very young when they served.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, acknowledges applause from attendees Friday after walking on stage to deliver a speech at the 2014 Red State Gathering in Fort Worth, Texas.

## 2016 preview? Perry, Cruz attend same GOP gathering

By WILL WEISSERT  
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas—Sound like he's almost made up his mind to run again for president, Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Friday told a national audience of conservatives that it's time for a rebellion against a "power-hungry, oppressive" Barack Obama.

Hours later, fellow Texan and tea party firebrand Sen. Ted Cruz edged closer to confirming that he, too, may mount a 2016 White House run, saying that as many as 15 Republicans are mulling one and hinting that he soon could be one of them. Cruz previously largely had ducked such questions, saying only that his focus was "100 percent on the U.S. Senate."

Both Perry and Cruz landed plum speaking slots at RedState's

Gathering in Fort Worth, with the governor helping open the influential conservative blog's annual conference and the senator keynoting an evening session. The pair eventually could find themselves competing for the same slice of the GOP electorate, fiercely religious and social conservatives energized by an intense mistrust of Obama.

"Thomas Jefferson was right when he said, 'A little rebellion now and then is a good thing,'" Perry said told the RedState crowd to cries of "A-men!" "And now, faced with another power-hungry, oppressive ruler in a far-away place, it's time for us to start a little rebellion."

He stopped short of calling for Obama's impeachment, though, saying, "This war that we will

fight will be on the battlefield of ideas."

But the reception from hundreds of attendees was far more raucous for Cruz, who RedState founder Erick Erickson introduced as "the leader of the conservative movement in the United States of America" and who got a standing ovation before his speech even started. Cruz also was later compared to all four Beatles rolled into one, and to one of America's Founding Fathers. He even watched as those gathered bowed their heads in prayer for him.

In subsequent comments to reporters, Cruz downplayed any political tension with his potential Texas presidential rival. "I have always been a big fan of Gov. Perry's."

## Dems seek replacement in Montana Senate race

By LISA BAUMANN  
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The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Montana Democrats were casting about Friday for a last-minute U.S. Senate candidate to take on Republican Rep. Steve Daines, after their hopes to hold the seat in November suffered a huge blow with the withdrawal of incumbent Sen. John Walsh amid plagiarism allegations.

Those mentioned as potential stand-ins for Walsh include former state Reps. Frankie Wilmer of Bozeman and Amanda Curtis of Butte, state Sen. Dave Wanzensried and Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger.

But several top names have signaled they're not interested. That underscores the daunting task faced by party leaders as they strive to keep a seat controlled by

Democrats for more than a century. The post was held by Democrat Max Baucus for six terms before he stepped down this year to become U.S. Ambassador to China.

Among those who said they won't run are former U.S. Rep. Pat Williams, former Gov. Brian Schweitzer, state Auditor Monica Lindene and Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau.

Other names floated by Democrats were Zeno Baucus, the former senator's son, and former state legislator and abortion rights leader Nancy Keenan.

But Zeno Baucus told The Associated Press on Friday he was committed to his job as an assistant U.S. Attorney in Helena and not interested in the Senate candidacy, and Williams said Keenan told him "absolutely not."

## Nev. complaint seeks to require condoms in porn

By MARTIN GRIFFITH  
The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — A Los Angeles-based group that wants porn performers to wear condoms during film shoots has filed its first complaint in Nevada.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation filed a formal complaint with Nevada's Occupational Safety and Health Administration against a San Francisco production company that made an adult film in Las Vegas in June.

The organization says the film shows performers engaging in activities that are highly likely to spread potentially infectious materials, in violation of federal OSHA rules the group says require the use of condoms in shoots.

"This new complaint in Nevada is based on the simple fact that they cannot hide from federal law there or anywhere in the U.S.,"

said Michael Weinstein, president of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. "Are workers in Nevada any less entitled to protection from harm than those in California?"

The film, "Vegas Road Trip," was made for a website run by Kink.com. Its CEO, Peter Acworth, called the complaint baseless.

"Current federal regulations make no mention of condoms, and use standards that were developed in the 1990s for hospitals, not porn sets," he said in a statement. "We will continue to work with performers, doctors and regulators to develop protocols that keep sets safe, and still respect performers' rights."

In August 2013, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation filed a similar complaint with California OSHA against Kink.com, saying performers may have been exposed to HIV after failing to wear condoms during a shoot.

## NATION

# Firefighters gain ground on Ore. blaze

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Fire officials were upbeat Friday about their progress in fighting a wildfire in Oregon's wind-swept Columbia River Gorge that destroyed one home, damaged two others and threatened more than 700 residences.

Crews focused on burnout operations to deprive the fire of fuel and improve containment lines. Firefighters also worked to create more defensible space around homes in the small town of Rowena.

"We turned the corner today, and things are looking much better," Oregon Forestry Department Incident Commander John Buckman said.

Even the winds, which have gusted to 30 mph, were expected to die down.

The fire has burned across about 5 square miles since it started Tuesday. It's about 35 percent contained. The cause is still under investigation.

Residents of more than 140 homes were earlier told to evacuate, and nearly 600 households have been put on alert in the community near The Dalles.

Many people were allowed to return home on Thursday.

The basalt walls of the gorge east of Portland funnel winds that draw windsurfers from afar, but what's good for recreation gives firefighters fits.

"You look in one direction, and there's a fire," fire service spokesman Mike Waite said. "You look the other way, and there are people out windsurfing."

In central Washington state, firefighters late Friday used explosives to build a fire break on an inaccessible section of a fast-growing wildfire near Ellensburg that has grown to cover nearly 14 square miles.

# Brady slaying charges could prove tough

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A medical examiner determined that Monday's death of former White House press secretary James Brady at age 73 was a homicide, District of Columbia police spokeswoman Gwendolyn Crump said Friday.

An autopsy revealed the cause to be the gunshot wound to the head he suffered during the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan in 1981 and its health consequences. Federal prosecutors said only that they are reviewing the ruling.

But bringing new charges against John Hinckley Jr., 59, in Brady's death seemed unlikely. Trying to bring a case against Hinckley could prove difficult for prosecutors, given the three decades that have passed since he was shot in an assassination on Ronald Reagan, and because a jury ruled that Hinckley was insane when he opened fire, an attorney and law professor said.

"I think it (the medical examiner's ruling) will mean nothing," long-time Hinckley attorney Barry Levine said. "No prosecutors will bring such a case. The notion that this could be a successful prosecution is far-fetched. There is no legal basis to pursue this."



MARCO GARCIA/AP

Surfers and boogie board riders wait for waves Friday at Sandy Beach Park in Honolulu. Tropical Storm Iselle is causing higher-than-normal waves in parts of the island of Oahu.

# Hawaii evades storms' punches

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER  
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The Associated Press

HONOLULU — The one-two hurricane punch that was supposed to hit Hawaii is looking more like a jab and a missed left hook.

After Hawaii cleared Tropical Storm Iselle largely without deterring sunbathers and surfers, the state looked toward Hurricane Julio, which was expected to pass roughly 160 miles northeast of the islands at its closest point early Sunday and to linger near the state into Monday.

While prospects for Julio could change quickly, the storms appear to have been more a scare for Hawaii than a significant threat.

"This was no Sandy or Katrina or any other storm that you remember the name of," said Sylvia Dahlby, 58, of Hilo, on the Big Island. The Big Island took the brunt of a weakening Iselle on Thursday night and early Friday. By late Friday night, the National Weather Service announced that it had canceled all storm watches and warnings for the state.

Iselle knocked down power lines, phones and trees, but it did not cause major damage or injuries.

People were out and about throughout Hawaii on Friday afternoon after a non-existent morning commute in usually congested Honolulu and elsewhere.

Wind and rain swept through Maui, Oahu and Kauai and lingered on the Big Island. The National Weather Service put Oahu and Kauai under flood advisories Friday night. Two communities in Puna were isolated by damaged roadways enough to prompt elections officials to postpone voting for two precincts, though state officials said the rest of a primary election planned for Saturday would continue as planned, with results revealed.

Shawnnee Guerrero, a cashier at a surf shop in Waimea on Hawaii's Big Island, said the scariest part was not knowing what elements were coming or how severe

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ

The Associated Press

# Hawaii Democrats face tough battles for governor, Senate

HONOLULU — As the final days of campaigning drew to a close in Hawaii's dramatic primary races, a pair of hurricanes thrashed toward the islands.

The storms posed considerable risk, but for Gov. Neil Abercrombie, they also represented an opportunity to cast himself as a steady leader with a strong emotional connection to people in the state.

He hugged military response personnel, emphasized his national network of contacts and, even as forecasters predicted the storms would weaken and veer away, Abercrombie reminded everyone to remain vigilant. "The full brunt of the storm is still to come," he said Friday morning.

Whether this final image will be decisive for voters casting ballots Saturday remains to be seen. The incumbent governor faces a surprisingly strong challenge from a fellow Democrat and early voting was heavily encouraged.

they would be.

"Now we have to wonder what's next," Guerrero said as she worked while waiting for power to be restored at her home with her family in Honokaa.

While it lacked power, Iselle was the first tropical storm to hit Hawaii in 22 years. After it hit, coffee farmers on the Big Island navigated flooded roads to assess damage to their crops.

Those staying in shelters were told to return home, while crews and residents used chain saws to clear trees from roads on the

It's not the only race splitting the Democratic Party establishment. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa is challenging U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz to determine who will fill the shoes of the beloved Sen. Daniel Inouye.

The winners of each race will face Republicans and independent candidates in the November general election, but such campaigns are longshots in heavily Democratic Hawaii.

Schatz has outspent Hanabusa by more than \$1 million, and his ads dominated the airwaves. But Hanabusa has attracted many of Inouye's supporters, who felt it was disrespectful for Abercrombie to disregard the political icon's dying wish. Before his death, Inouye told Abercrombie to appoint Hanabusa as his successor. Abercrombie, however, chose Schatz, his lieutenant governor.

Hanabusa evoked Inouye's name throughout the campaign, aligning herself with the traditional Hawaii political establishment, while Schatz touted his endorsement from President Barack Obama.

Big Island.

On Oahu, surfers rode waves where they could, despite a warning from lifeguards that they would only respond to emergency calls.

"I'm just going to hit the hurricanes and then leave," said Scott Bush, a California surfer who booked tickets to Honolulu with his 13-year-old son after hearing about the possibility of two hurricanes. He planned to surf until the middle of next week. "The power of the ocean is just incredible," Bush said.

## WORLD

# Rebels: Donetsk surrounded by Ukraine forces

By YURAS KARMANAU  
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — A top commander of the pro-Russia insurgency in eastern Ukraine said Saturday that Ukrainian forces have seized a key town, leaving the rebel region's largest city of Donetsk surrounded.

The statement by Igor Girkin, a former Russian special service officer better known by his nom de guerre of Strelkov, appears to be a significant admission by the rebels that Ukrainian forces are gaining the upper hand in the four-month-old fight.

Strelkov said the town of Krasnyi Luch, which lies on one of the two main roads between Donetsk and the rebel-held east's other main city of Luhansk, "has been taken by the enemy."

"The Donetsk-Horlivka group of the fighters of Novorossiya is completely surrounded," he said on a rebel social media page. Novorossiya, or New Russia, is a term widely used for the rebel region.

A spokesman for the Ukrainian military operation, Andriy Lysenko, told reporters Saturday that he could not confirm the claim that Krasnyi Luch was under the

forces' control.

In Donetsk, a spokesman for the city administration said at least one person was killed and several injured in shelling of the city's southern area on Saturday. Spokesman Maxim Revmirsky also told The Associated Press that about 30 apartment blocks came under fire during the night.

The city, whose population was nearly 1 million before the fighting, has increasingly come under fire over the past weeks. Ukrainian officials firmly deny that they are shelling civilians, but rebels claim the forces are doing just that and trying to shift blame to the separatists.

Explosions were also heard Saturday on the northern outskirts near the city's airport.

As the fighting proceeds, concerns are rising about a looming humanitarian catastrophe in Luhansk, where fighting has been heavier and more prolonged.

Russian news agencies quoted a Saturday statement from the Luhansk city administration saying that the city has been without water and electricity for a week and that most of its stores are closed.

Russia has been pushing for



SERGEI GRITS/AP

**Marina Barsuk peers from a broken window in her apartment after shelling in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, on Friday.**

a humanitarian mission to Luhansk, but Kiev and Western countries suspect that could be a pretext for sending in troops. Western countries say Russia has assembled some 20,000 troops just across the border.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said Friday that it is stepping up work to alleviate

the crisis. In a statement, it acknowledged the Russian proposal about organizing aid convoys and said "any humanitarian initiative is welcome" but added that any Red Cross "action will be taken in strict adherence to our fundamental working principles of neutrality, impartiality, and independence."

## Airstrikes resume after collapse of Gaza truce

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli airstrikes struck more than 20 targets Saturday in the Gaza Strip and killed a senior Hamas member, as militant rocket fire continued following the collapse of a three-day truce aimed at ending the war between Israel and Hamas.

Hamas officials said Israel airstrikes hit houses, mosques, its warehouses and training sites. Three bodies were found

under the ruins of the al-Qassam mosque in Gaza, including that of senior Hamas official Moaz Zaid, said Palestinian health official Ashraf al-Kidra.

The Israeli military said militants in Gaza fired five rockets Saturday toward Israel, for a total of 70 since the truce expired. In response, Israel has targeted more than 30 sites in Gaza since Friday, it said.

The Islamic militants resumed their rocket attacks Friday shortly

before the 72-hour truce expired, injuring two Israelis and drawing a wave of retaliatory airstrikes. The fighting shattered a brief calm in the monthlong war and dealt a blow to Egyptian-led efforts to secure a long-term ceasefire between the bitter enemies.

More than 1,900 Gazans have been killed in the war, roughly three-quarters of them civilians, according to Palestinian and United Nations officials. Israel disputes that breakdown, saying

more militants have been killed. Sixty-seven people have been killed on the Israeli side, including three civilians from rocket fire.

The war grew out of the killing of three Israeli teens in the West Bank in June. Israel blamed the killings on Hamas and launched a massive arrest campaign, rounding up hundreds of its members in the West Bank, as Hamas and other militants unleashed rocket fire from Gaza.

## Nigeria declares Ebola a national emergency

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigeria's president has declared the containment of the Ebola virus in Africa's most populous nation a national emergency, his office said in a statement Friday, after the health ministry announced two more confirmed cases.

The relevant agencies must ensure that all possible steps are taken "to effectively contain the threat of the Ebola virus in line with international protocols and best practices," President Goodluck Jonathan said in the statement released by his office.

Nigeria's Health Minister Onyebuchi Chukwu said today the total confirmed cases have risen to 9.

## Kerry seeks to calm Asia maritime tensions

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar — Already scrambling to confront multiple international crises, the Obama administration stepped up efforts Saturday to avert another, as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called on China and its smaller neighbors to take new steps to ease tensions over maritime disputes in Asian waters that many fear could spark conflict.

Kerry formally presented a proposal under which China and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations that have competing claims to territory in the South China Sea would voluntarily halt provocative actions.

China reacted coldly to the proposal, saying the tensions were being overblown.

"Someone has been exaggerating or even playing up the so-called tension in the South China Sea," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told reporters. "We do not agree with such a practice, and we call for vigilance in the motives behind them."

## Hagel pushes US, India cooperation on defense

NEW DELHI — The United States and India must seize opportunities to collaborate more on defense development and not let government red tape and other problems stymie progress between the two nations, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Saturday.

After two days of meetings here, Hagel said he had secured concrete agreements, acknowledging the two countries must be "results oriented" and do more to "transform our nations' defense cooperation from simply buying and selling to co-production, co-development, and free exchange of technology."

In meetings with top Indian government leaders he pressed for broader coordination in new weapons production, including a pilot plan for the two nations to jointly develop a next-generation anti-tank missile. The U.S. is hoping to partner with India as it modernizes its military, but Indian leaders are more interested in co-development opportunities than in simply buying American-made weapons.

From The Associated Press

## Girl swept away in 2004 tsunami found on remote island

By ABBY PHILLIP  
The Washington Post

Raudhatul Jannah was just 4 years old when the catastrophic Indian Ocean tsunami swept into her Indonesian town and swept out with her in tow.

She had been holding onto her parents as they floated on a plank of wood when the tsunami hit her home, according to Deutsche Presse-Agentur International. But Raudhatul and her then 7-year-old brother, Arif

Pratama Rangkuti, slipped from their father's grasp. The family never saw the two children again — until Wednesday, when Raudhatul, now 14, was reunited with her family.

"My heart beat so fast when I saw her. I hugged her, and she hugged me back and felt so comfortable in my arms," Jamaliah Jannah, Raudhatul's mother, said in an interview with Agence France-Presse.

Raudhatul had been swept

onto a remote island, where she was found by a fisherman who returned her to the mainland. For the next 10 years, that fisherman's mother raised her, calling her Wenni, according to AFP.

Then one day in June, Raudhatul's uncle saw a young girl who looked like his missing niece. He asked around and learned that she had been found on Banyak Island after the tsunami.

"My husband and I are very happy we have found her," her

mother told DPA. "This is a miracle from God."

The couple's other missing child would be about 17 now, and they believe that, like his sister, he may still be alive.

"We will look for him on Banyak Island, because we believe he is still alive," Jamaliah Jannah said, according to DPA.

The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami killed more than 275,000 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey

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## OPINION

## Putin puts Russians on Soviet diet

LEONID BERSHIDSKY

Goodbye, Roquefort cheese, feta, prosciutto and jamon. So long, German raspberry jam, U.S.-made Planters nut mixes, Norwegian salmon and Faroese shrimp. In his efforts to hit back at the West, President Vladimir Putin is depriving Russians of the delicacies to which they have grown accustomed since the Soviet Union collapsed.

On Putin's orders, the Russian government Thursday banned the import of certain kinds of European, U.S., Canadian and Australian food for a year in response to those countries' Ukraine-related sanctions against Russia. Unlike Western governments, Putin is not concerned about minimizing the effect of sanctions on his own country's businesses. The measures will hurt Russian retailers and importers as much as Western exporters. To ordinary Russians, the measures show how serious Putin is about returning to Soviet times, when all grocery stores were called simply "Food" and sold almost exclusively local produce — when they had anything to sell.

The embargo appears focused on products that Russia can source internally or from friendlier countries. It includes all kinds of dairy, fruit and vegetables, meat and seafood. Parmesan cheese is banned, but Italian olive oil isn't. German sausage is out, but German beer can still be imported. French foie gras is out, but Sauternes is in. Irish cheddar will be gone from the few Russian stores that sell it, but Irish whiskey will still be served in Moscow bars.

Russia imports more than \$30 billion worth of food a year from countries outside the former Soviet Union. In all, Europe's biggest economies plus Poland, Norway, the U.S., Canada and Australia stand to lose some \$6 billion in the next year from the Russian food sales.

That is far from deadly for them. The Russian Micex stock index has lost a third of that amount in capitalization since the food sanctions were announced, because they are expected to hurt retailers such as the discount Magnit, which has called itself the biggest food importer to Russia. More upscale retailers will need to reconsider their entire sales matrices, shifting to Asian and Latin American imports. That



IVAN SEKRETAREV/AP

**Women choose Dutch tomatoes Thursday at a supermarket in downtown Moscow. The Russian government has banned all imports of meat, fish, milk and milk products and fruit and vegetables from the United States, the European Union, Australia, Canada and Norway. Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev announced Thursday.**

cannot but have an effect on their bottom lines.

Putin appears to care little about the effect of the sanctions. His focus is, as ever, domestic. He is showing his voters in the most tangible way possible that Russia doesn't need the West to survive. The Kremlin's propaganda is already playing up this message. "I can survive perfectly well in a world without polish apples, Dutch tomatoes, Latvian sprats, American cola, Australian beef and English tea," Yegor Kholmogorov wrote on Izvestia.ru before it became clear that tea or cola would not be sanctioned. "Especially if this results in a substituting expansion of Russian agri-

business and food industry."

Blanket-bombed by the state TV channels, most Russians will swallow the patriotic line, as they have bought Putin's takes on Ukrainian events and the annexation of Crimea. To the few propaganda-resistant citizens, the food embargo is another step toward the Soviet era of self-reliance. They've been stocking up on the last French cheese they're going to see for at least a year and chucking at the latest Putin joke: "The president decided to show he's a Western leader, too, and imposed sanctions on Russia."

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## Danger grows for US forces in Afghanistan

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial

The killing of Army Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene in Kabul by an Afghan soldier at a training academy and the refusal of Afghan politicians to agree on a new president seven weeks after the election call into question once more why the United States maintains a presence there. About 30,000 U.S. troops remain, and the Obama administration wants to keep nearly 10,000 there after the end of this year.

Gen. Greene, the 2,318th American to die in the war, was part of the U.S. mission to train Afghan forces to keep the Kabul government in power against the Taliban at least until the last Americans leave sometime in 2016.

It isn't clear that the uniformed shooter

was a member of the Taliban. He may have been simply an Afghan with a grudge against Americans, foreigners or the government. The killing occurred when the Afghan refused to allow U.S. troops into a group, wounding a German general, two Afghan generals and 13 NATO soldiers.

Besides the military tragedy, things are also not good on the political front. Two rounds of elections have yet to produce a successor to President Hamid Karzai. One of the two finalists, Ashraf Ghani, finished well ahead of the other, Abdullah Abdullah, but Mr. Abdullah is claiming fraud. Secretary of State John Kerry thought he had brokered a deal under which all 8 million ballots would be recounted, both candidates would accept the outcome and both the winner and the loser would be included in a new coalition government. That deal

now seems to be falling apart.

A complication is the fact that a U.S. troop presence past this year depends on the conclusion of an accord between the two countries on the rules governing the extension. Mr. Karzai has said he won't sign it, but both presidential contenders have said they would. The United States withdrew its last troops from Iraq at the end of 2011 because no U.S.-Iraq status of forces agreement had been concluded. Some Afghans may believe they can get rid of all U.S. personnel at the end of this year if they don't elect a president to sign the pact.

A growing number of Americans would probably appreciate that outcome, bringing this 13-year-old war, the nation's longest, to an end.

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## OPINION

## The real border issue and what we must do

BY JAMES P. FARWELL  
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**T**he faces of frightened young children huddling together just inside our border are heartrending. Texas Gov. Rick Perry has the right attitude. Enough talk. Let's act.

Merely deploying National Guard units underscores the pressing need for a national dialogue that places immigration into a more sensible context. Too many politicians miss the real issues and exploit the topic for partisan gain.

Immigration is a symptom. Immigrants have different motives for coming here, but a core problem stems from the Mexican drug war that has claimed more than 105,000 civilian lives on our doorstep and threatens our families and children in perhaps a thousand U.S. cities.

Cartel activity is a key factor that propels the immigration. If our politicians want to complain, they need to address the real problem with a realistic strategy to win the drug wars.

What actions are plausible?

First, recognize that the drug war is a hemispheric challenge, not one just for the U.S. or Mexico. No nation has forged a coherent strategy. Yet the challenge threatens U.S. security and our children already control between 40 percent and 60 percent of Guatemala's territory.

Second, while illegal drugs challenge law enforcement, recognize the true nature of the Mexican drug war and deal with it on that basis. It is a low-intensity conflict conducted by criminals who also qualify as terrorists and insurgents.

Too many think terrorism is about ideology and seizing power while crime is about greed and illegal profits. Actually, they often overlap.

Mexican cartels have an ideology that gives meaning to the everyday lives of impoverished people, offering social mobility, money and a definable culture that is far more concrete and meaningful than anything al-Qaida, the Tamil Tigers, Shin-



ing Path or other violent extremists have offered.

The cartels seek and have seized much power, in both Mexico and Central America. Indeed, some have estimated that the cartels already control between 40 percent and 60 percent of Guatemala's territory.

Its neighbors face similar challenges. Sadly, only the likes of Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly, commander of the U.S. Southern Command, have had the fortitude to speak the truth, although Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel seems to concur with him.

The U.S. should designate cartels and their leaders as terrorists, and devote the resources to defeat them using a holistic approach that leverages the capabilities and authorities across the whole of the U.S. government and foreign partners. We won't send in the Marines. We can pressure Mexico to forge a force like Italy's carabinieri that can take on heavily armed cartels

like Los Zetas, which recruits from former Mexican special operations personnel.

Normal law enforcement cannot win this war. It needs help. We can train, equip and support a Mexican force that provides it and deal with the cartels as terrorist organizations.

Third, get Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto on board. His predecessor, Felix Calderon, tried to defeat the cartels. Nieto's public posture is less clear. His priorities are to stop kidnapping and violence and get his economy moving. Ours is to defeat cartels and stop illegal drug trafficking. We need to get him serious. We must also provide concrete support for Central American partners who feel that while we'll spend and spend in the Middle East to help people who basically dislike us, we treat allies to the south like second-class friends.

Why does anyone believe that makes sense?

Fourth, get serious about counterterrorist finance and money-laundering. One government agency, according to The Washington Post, urged emptying cartel bank accounts. The White House and Treasury Department balked at this savvy approach. Let's revisit the idea. The approach warrants consideration. Terrorism and cartel activity are businesses. Starve them of cash and they cannot function.

Fifth, as anti-drug expert Sylvia Longmire has observed, dispel the illusion that the border "wall" is a viable alternative — it is ficitio more than fact — and provide more border patrol agents and equip them better — and do so now. Too often, she notes, DHS funding fills the coffers of contractors, buying technology that does not secure our border.

Most important, political leaders need to engage U.S. voters in a transparent, in-depth dialogue about how much immigration this nation will accept, from where, and on what terms. Part of that dialogue must include the role of the U.S. in immigrants already embedded in our society and as well as recent arrivals. They need to integrate that dialogue with one about how we're going to protect our families and children against the flow of drugs into our city and winning the drug war. The topics are entwined.

Polarizing voters is easy. Finding real solutions is tough. We need leaders who show the moral courage and strength of mind to move beyond what to do about the children who have arrived and address the issue in a context that enables us to gain control over our borders and protect our future.

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## Immigration action echoes emancipation efforts

BY CHARLES LANE  
The Washington Post

**N**ot since Abraham Lincoln pondered his Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 has a president considered ordering a more sweeping adjustment to membership in the American community than the mass relief for illegal immigrants that President Barack Obama is said to be contemplating.

There is obviously no analogy between slavery and the disadvantages the undocumented face today. Among many other differences, the undocumented arrived voluntarily, searching, often successfully, for a better life. Also, they established residence unlawfully, for which there must be some remedy.

Still, the essentially permanent presence of some 11 million people whose labor and cultural contributions benefit the United States — yet who must exist on the margins of society — creates dilemmas both practical and moral.

And the issues that lie in common with slavery: It's a long-standing debate over fundamental rights that the nation's democratic institutions have proven incapable of resolving, leading to increasingly bitter partisan conflict.

The ideological concept behind Obama's grand slicing of the Gordian knot of immigration is that if we wait, it would be akin to that which drove Lincoln's action: the

president as liberator.

The proposal that's being bandied about — offering up to 5 million undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and others the same two-year renewable reprieves from deportation plus work permits — has Obama already ordered for undocumented residents who arrived as children — wouldn't cover all illegal immigrants any more than Lincoln's proclamation freed every slave. (It omitted Union-held territory.) Still, its impact would be dramatic, and might define Obama's legacy as powerfully as the Emancipation Proclamation defined Lincoln's. There's just one problem: Our system does not let the president make laws on his own, no matter how good his intentions. Lincoln himself was aware that he needed constitutional authority for the proclamation, invoking plausibly, in part, his commander in chief: Depriving the South of forced labor and making erstwhile slaves potential Union soldiers would help win the war, he argued.

The proclamation rather deftly calls itself "an act of justice warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity."

With no war or other crisis to invoke, Obama would have to rely on more tenuous sources of authority, presumably an extension of the prosecutorial discretion he cited in his order relating to childhood arrivals. However, naturalization of aliens is an area over which the Constitution expressly grants authority to Congress, and about which Congress has legislated, abundantly, in the past.

Obama might not be in Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson's permissive "zone of twilight," where Congress retains concurrent authority over a certain issue generally but neither granted nor denied authority for a specific presidential action.

He could instead be taking measures "incompatible with the expressed or implied will of Congress" — albeit past Congresses — where, according to Jackson, "the authority of the President is at its lowest."

The president himself put the point rather well in 2011 when he said that "there are enough laws on the books by Congress that are very clear in terms of how we have to enforce our immigration system that for me to simply through executive order ignore those congressional mandates would not conform with my appropriate role as president." Since then, Obama, like Lincoln, has been heavily lobbied by the most ideologically committed members of his political base. Like Lincoln in 1862, he is also facing losses in a midterm election and weighing the benefits of pleasing party activists against the costs of alienating those more comfortable with the status quo.

Lincoln labored over his constitutional case for the proclamation not only because he felt it was his duty to do so, but also because he knew that a sound constitutional argument would fortify the measure politically. He also wanted to forestall post-war court challenges by aggressive slaveholders. The 13th Amendment abolishing slav-

ery made that a moot point — which is one reason Lincoln fought so hard for its passage.

In that regard, Obama's prospective order might have an advantage over Lincoln's: Even if its constitutional basis is weak, it's hard to see what anyone could do about it. Congress could pass a law overriding his action, which he would veto. Impediment also would fail, and wouldn't necessarily undo his order even if it succeeded. The next president could rescind it.

As for a lawsuit, who, exactly, would Obama's order harm, in the sense of a "concrete, particularized injury" that the law requires for standing to sue in federal court? Perhaps a state, or a business, that had to pay benefits to a newly waived-in immigrant could sue on the grounds that the immigrant is still illegal because Obama's action was unconstitutional.

But we're really getting hypothetical now; the slaveholder complaint that Lincoln feared was more readily imaginable.

In short, the broadest measure Obama is contemplating could use on the grounds that dubious, politically explosive and flatly contradictory to his own recently expressed views. It would also bring many hard-working people out of the shadows, make generations of Latinos into Democrats and secure a place in history for its author.

And it might be impossible to stop.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Golfers charged in fight over game's rules

**PA** UNIONTOWN — Two golfers have been charged with fighting — including one who allegedly hit the other over the head with a 3-wood — after they argued about the rules while playing together at a southwestern Pennsylvania course.

Online court records don't list attorneys for the North Union Township men, who allegedly fought at the Springdale Golf Course near Uniontown on Sunday.

State police said Roger Lee Harris, 63, and Bryan Bandes, 42, were playing with three others when they argued about rules involving "casual water" — or puddles — after it rained.

After settling that dispute on the 5th hole, police said, they argued again on the 7th hole, with Harris hitting Bandes with the club and the men trading punches.

Harris is charged with aggravated assault and simple assault, while Bandes is charged with simple assault.

## Sheriff: Car strikes 2 grounded helicopters

**AR** MOUNTAIN HOME — Arkansas police said a man has been hospitalized after his car flew into the air and struck two grounded law enforcement helicopters.

The Baxter Bulletin reported that a 71-year-old driver launched his car off of an 8-foot retaining wall next to the Baxter County Sheriff's Office on Thursday.

Office surveillance footage shows the Lincoln Continental driving erratically before slamming through a security fence. It struck one helicopter and smashed head-on into another. Authorities said they recently bought the helicopters at state auction for \$1,300 total but their actual value is in excess of \$50,000.

Sheriff John Montgomery said both helicopters are "total losses." The department has one other helicopter.

## Suicidal wrong-way driver was on drugs

**CA** LAKESIDE — Authorities in San Diego County said a wrong-way freeway driver had illegal drugs in her system when she deliberately crashed head-on into a truck, killing herself and the other driver.

Trista Lynn Stier, 29, drove the wrong way up an off-ramp on State Route 67 in Lakeside on May 30, colliding with a truck driven by Douglas M. Menagos, 50, of Alpine. Both were killed.

The San Diego County medical examiner's office said Tuesday that Stier tested positive for methamphetamine and marijuana.

The agency earlier listed her cause of death as suicide.

U-T San Diego said the California Highway Patrol investigated the death of Menagos as an intentional act that resulted in a homicide.

He was married and the father of two.



Julio Cortez/AP

## A lasting impression

Children stand under water streamed out of the mouth of an impression of a person's face at Millennium Park's Crown Fountain in Chicago on Thursday.

## Flea infestation shuts down courthouse

**NY** ALBION — A western New York courthouse is closed for a second consecutive day because of an infestation of fleas.

New York state court officials told The Daily News, of Batavia, that the Orleans County Courthouse in Albion was closed Monday and will remain closed Tuesday.

Family Court matters have been shifted to the village hall in rural Albion, located 30 miles west of Rochester.

Court system officials said remediation work began Monday against a flea infestation found throughout the courthouse. Officials said the courthouse was expected to reopen Wednesday

morning.

## Twin brothers arrested for bank robberies

**AZ** PHOENIX — Phoenix police said twin brothers are responsible for a string of recent bank robberies.

KTVK-TV reported Tuesday that authorities arrested Neal and Alan Bain in connection with a robbery last month at a Washington Federal Credit Union.

According to police, the suspect had no weapon and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Officers stopped a vehicle that matched the suspect's and found both brothers as well as evidence of the crime.

Sgt. Trent Crump said police are working to see if the brothers also played roles in a series of

robberies committed by the "high jump bandit."

In those robberies, police said, the suspect would jump on the bank counter and threaten employees.

Investigators said both men have prior convictions for bank robbery.

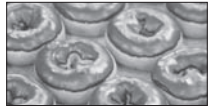
## Police: 12-year-old crashes stolen bus

**IN** BROOKSTON — Police said a 12-year-old boy driving a stolen school bus led officers on a chase in parts of three counties before crashing into a parked truck and a home.

Sheriff Pat Shafer said the boy rode his bike from his home to a residence near where the Frontier School Corp. bus was parked with its keys inside. Shafer told WLFI-

## THE CENSUS

**8** The number of doughnuts eaten in 2 minutes by Bradley Herbert Hardison, 24, of Elizabeth City, N.C., who was subsequently arrested for two break-ins. Hardison was arrested Wednesday, one day after he won the adult division of a doughnut-eating contest at the Elizabeth City Police Department's National Night Out Against Crime. The group Hardison beat included local police officers and firefighters. In addition to the Camden County charges, Hardison is charged in Pasquotank County with felony larceny and breaking and entering. He's jailed under a \$2,000 bond.



TV that the boy, who's learning disabled, drove off in the bus.

Deputies followed the bus early Tuesday through three counties before it ran over police stop sticks and crashed. The boy wasn't injured.

Sheriff's Sgt. Brian Lowe said juvenile authorities are working with the boy's family to determine the best course of action.

## Police to crack down on Frontier Days drinking

**WY** CHEYENNE — Police in Cheyenne are vowing to crack down on teen drinking at next year's Frontier Days after the number of arrests doubled this year.

The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported that police arrested 33 teens for underage drinking this year, up from 16 last year.

Police chief Brian Kozak said Tuesday that alcohol is too accessible to teens at the event. People can buy up to four beers at once, allowing them to distribute drinks to their underage friends or to people too drunk to buy their own drink. At other events in the city, people are allowed to buy only two beers at a time.

## Police: Man built bomb to blow up wife's lover

**PA** STATE COLLEGE — A Harrisburg man has been jailed on charges that he made a remote-controlled pipe bomb, which police say he planned to use to blow up his wife's paramour.

Police said they learned that the suspect, Frederick Rice, 53, was fixated on his wife's suspected infidelity after someone indicated that Rice had the bomb in his vehicle while visiting a friend in Ferguson Township, Centre County, on Tuesday.

When township police found Rice at his friend's house, he acknowledged having the bomb and said he planned to attach it to the paramour's vehicle and detonate it. Police were able to successfully remove and defuse the bomb after finding it in Rice's vehicle.

From wire reports

## LIFESTYLE

# Not your average museum

## Space Station Museum in Northern Calif. welcomes guests to touch, try on artifacts

By SAM MCMANIS  
The Sacramento Bee

Most museums discourage the tactile. They encase their treasures in hermetically sealed Lucite, post all-caps “Do Not Touch” signs, have blue-blazered guards hovering nearby, lest these valuable artifacts be sullied by contact with the unwashed masses.

But here I stand, in the Space Station Museum off Highway 101, before a hunk of ancient rock, a meteorite the size of a Chipotle burrito, said to be 6,000 years old and discovered in Argentina in 1576. Now this is a valuable slab of space matter, to be sure. Why, then, is the docent, Angie Hutchins, compelling me to hoist the meteorite — or at least give it a good pawing?

“Go ahead, lift this guy,” she said, after giving me a quick up-and-down appraisal. “Feel how heavy it is. You’ll need two hands.”

Oh, puh-leeze. I work out. How heavy could it be?

Pretty darn heavy, actually. Hiatal hernia heavy. (OK, actually just 50 pounds.) Forget about doing the Olympic clean-and-jerk weightlifting maneuver; I got it only as far as waist high and then plopped it — maybe a wee bit too hard — back on its pedestal.

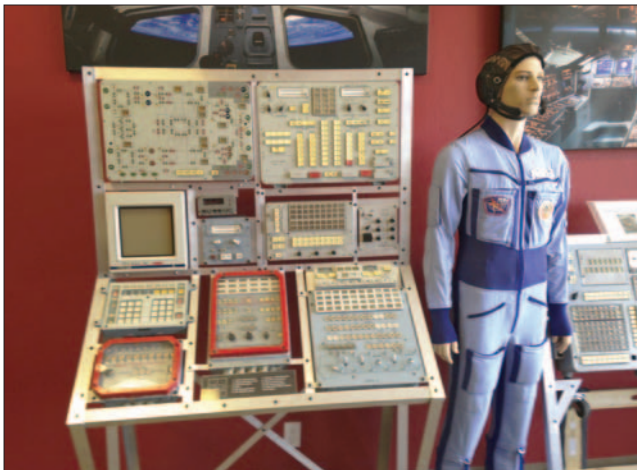
“Incredibly dense, huh?”

Hopefully Hutchins was talking about the meteorite. In fact, she didn’t bat an eyelash as I manhandled this valued museum piece, one of hundreds of aeronautic heirlooms from Sputnik through the Space Shuttle that financier Ken Winans has collected and displayed since 2012.

Then again, this isn’t your ordinary private museum. It’s housed not in some architectural marvel on a wind-swept bluff, rather, it’s at a shopping center in a Marin County suburb, perched between Marin Coffee and Boca Pizzeria and across from a nail salon and dry cleaners.

Winans, whose investment management company is a few miles away, had long wanted to share with the public his consuming passion: space exploration and the acquisition of memorabilia from the golden age of space flight. Some of his vast collection has been on display at the Chabot Space & Science Center and the California Academy of Sciences. But the formality in the presentation of major museum exhibits seemed too sterile, too removed, for Winans, and the hefty admission fees offended his populist impulses.

So Winans swung a deal with the owners of the strip mall to essentially squat at an empty retail space (paying a token \$1 per month) so that the public could oggle items without paying a penny. Artifacts ranging from the control panel from the Russian



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The control panel from the Soyuz spacecraft and a Russian Sokol KV2 spacesuit are on display at the Space Station Museum in Novato, Calif.



Space Station Museum founder Ken Winans dons a glove used on spacewalks at the International Space Station.



Museum visitors are encouraged to touch and lift a 50-pound meteorite discovered in 1576 in Argentina.

remember saying, “Those gloves, yes, they are not cheap, but if 5,000 little kids put those things on, and maybe out of that group we get some scientists and mathematicians out of it, I’ll go buy another set of gloves.” Know what? Young people are, in my view, visually overstimulated and tactically deprived. We give them a chance to handle some of our stuff, and they remember it.”

Winans has more, much more, at his Marin County house. He routinely rotates items from home to museum and back, to “keep the collection fresh,” and each August holds the Novato Space Fest in the strip mall parking lot, this year featuring astronauts Dick Gordon and Dan Bursch. He’s in the process of shipping out from Missouri a 15-foot-tall, 21-foot-wide replica of the lunar module, and he also will have a life-size model of a lunar rover.

Open three days a week, with limited hours, the Space Station Museum has attracted 18,000 visitors in two years, Winans said. “And that doesn’t include private tours and school groups,” he added.

Part of the popularity, Winans believes, comes from the proximity of the museum to a captive audience and the free admission.

“Look at the new (San Francisco) Exploratorium — \$220 million later,” Winans said. “Take a wild guess what it takes a family of four to go there. It’s expensive (\$29 general; \$24 for children and seniors). If we go back to the spirit of what a museum is supposed to be, which is an education center, it shouldn’t be just for people who can afford very expensive admission fees. We’ve got to go back to the way it used to be, when you had patrons like the Rockefellers and the Carnegies. I’d say this state has a good number of wealthy patrons out there.”

None, however, who has taken the bold step to put their personal collections, be it art by the Old Masters or pricey scientific memorabilia, in a strip mall. “I call it the speed tour for Marin residents: You come here, go get coffee, come back,” he said. “A couple of days later, when you’re shopping, you come in and look at something else.”

Docent M.J. Marggraff said many people “stumble upon” the museum. One recent afternoon, locals Brian Keefe and Mansour Bassiri had finished dining at the pizza joint and spent 20 minutes milling about the museum.

“The giant spacesuit (statue, nicknamed ‘Big John’) pulled us in,” Keefe said.

Hutchins, the docent, told the pair about the meteorite and encouraged them to hoist the rock. Keefe gave it a shot, putting it back down quickly.

“Whoa,” he said, “that’s deceptively heavy.”

Soyuz spacecraft to a nose cone from a sounding pocket to one of the eight bolts that held the space shuttle to the launch pad to a fully decked out Russian Sokol KV2 spacesuit.

Not just ogle. You can slip your arm through the sleeve of that Russian spacesuit, try on a glove used on spacewalks at the International Space Station, paw that meteorite made of 80 percent iron and 20 percent gold, nickel and silver.

“Touching is a big deal,” Winans said. “I remember when I was on Chabot’s board. They had all these phenomenal meteorites behind glass. I told them at one board meeting, ‘Guys, this thing slammed into the Earth’s atmosphere at 40,000 miles per hour; what could a human do to this thing? That thing’s gonna hurt you before you ever hurt it.’ Everybody wants to know what a meteorite feels like. I just wanted to make certain that touch was a part of this place when I opened the museum.”

“The curators of other museums are horrified that we let people put on our space vests. I

**‘The curators of other museums are horrified that we let people put on our space vests.’**

**Ken Winans**  
founder, Space Station Museum

## MUSIC

# Notes of gratitude

Clapton says thank you to Cale with 'The Breeze'

By CHRIS TALBOTT  
The Associated Press

**F**or Eric Clapton, the early 1970s were filled with drug addiction, personal difficulties and growing dissatisfaction with music.

Singer-songwriter JJ Cale rescued him and gave him a direction, although the man known as the main architect of the highly influential Tulsa Sound didn't know Clapton at the time.

"I went into that dark period in my life and was just absent, and about that time some of JJ's early stuff was coming out," the 69-year-old rock musician said. " ... I definitely was trying to shake off this guitar legend thing, which I thought was so plebian. It was such a pedestrian way of looking at things. I didn't want anything to do with that. I didn't want anything to do with this heavy metal (expletive) that was going on. I can't stand the noise. I wanted to be kind of see the virtuosity. I wanted to get back to fundamentals, and he was a fundamentalist for sure. And so he was my beacon."

Cale died last July at 74. Although he didn't have a major hit as a performer, he wrote some of rock 'n' roll's most identifiable songs. Lynyrd Skynyrd had one of its biggest hits with "Call Me the

Breeze," and Clapton took "After Midnight" and "Cocaine" to No. 1.

Cale's music continues to inspire and push Clapton in powerful ways, something Clapton marked with the recent release of "The Breeze: An Appreciation of JJ Cale," a 16-track thesis study in Cale's career.

Clapton was struck by the idea on a 12-hour flight to Cale's funeral, and planned it out in a burst of inspiration.

He thought he'd do the album for himself, and if he never released it, so be it.

But he met Don White, one of the first band leaders to hire Cale, at the funeral and invited him to record a song. Once White was on board, Clapton decided to open it up to other friends, and brought in Willie Nelson, Tom Petty, Mark Knopfler and John Mayer with drummer Jim Keltner and

bassist Nathan East serving as the rhythm section.

All were influenced by Cale's distinctive sound in some way or another.

"All through the '70s it was JJ, it was Bob Marley, it was Stevie Wonder," Clapton said in a phone interview. "Those were the places where I knew there was safe, real, creative stuff, and for me out of those guys he was the one I felt I could come closest to if I wanted to follow that trail."

Cale's sound — a deceptively simple shuffle imbued with an irresistible driving groove hammered together at a cultural crossroads where rock, country, blues and jazz cohabitated peacefully — is easily identifiable. A knowledgeable listener can hear his sonic fingerprints all over modern rock 'n' roll. Few can reproduce his vibe — a swirling light-dark mix of up-all-night adrenaline and late-morning regrets.

Clapton has included a Cale cover on most of his albums, and they teamed up for "The Road to Escondido" in 2006. "The Breeze" includes many of Cale's most recognizable songs and three unreleased cuts culled from the numerous recordings that Cale never included on an album.

Although he never got to know Cale as well as he would have liked, Clapton said he still needed to say thank you.

"I prefer to think of him as my older brother, in a way, the older brother I didn't really have," he said. " ... Musically it just seemed like we came out of the same place."

## Eric Clapton & Friends

The Breeze: An Appreciation of JJ Cale (Surfdog)

Eric Clapton calls his new album of J.J. Cale songs an appreciation rather than a tribute, and that word choice gets at the appreciably modest vibe of the record.

In spite of cameos by heavy-hitting guitar guys like Tom Petty, Mark Knopfler and John Mayer, "The Breeze: An Appreciation of JJ Cale" — which honors the roots-music cult hero who died last year — dispenses with the grandstanding that bogs down most tribute albums; it sounds more like the product of an impromptu jam session.

Clapton opens this disc with "Call Me the Breeze," which Lynyrd Skynyrd turned into a hit. But the otherwise sidesteps Cale's best-known songs, focusing instead on gems such as the taut, funky "Rock and Roll Records" and the delicate "Magnolia," with a beautifully understated vocal by Mayer.

Willie Nelson turns up for a pair of acoustic country tunes, "Songbird" and "Starbound," while Knopfler's singing in "Someday" demonstrates how much he was pulling from Cale in Dire Straits. Clapton and Mayer keep their soloing to a tasteful minimum in "Don't Wait," which fades out after a quick 2½ minutes.

Does it sound like I'm congratulating a bunch of rock stars simply for restraining themselves? I suppose I am. But like Cale's unique charm, that's a rare occurrence worth celebrating.

— Mikael Wood  
Los Angeles Times

Eric Clapton

Courtesy of  
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# 6 seconds to stardom: Vine star Mendes hits pop charts

By MESFIN FEKAUDU  
The Associated Press

**S**ix seconds isn't a long time, but Vine superstar Shawn Mendes made the time count when posting cover songs on the social media platform.

The teen singer said he would pick the hits he would cover — and the sections of the tracks — and post them on Vine to showcase his talents and grab positive attention.

"You'd think, 'I don't understand why the kid has so many followers because it's only six seconds. How are you supposed to know if he's any good at six seconds?' But there's an art behind getting people to be intrigued because you only have six or six and a half seconds to impress people," he said in a recent interview.

Mendes, 16, secured a following on Vine, where he had 300,000 fans awaiting his posts. Record labels caught wind of his strong social media presence.

"Island Records was the first record label to ... acknowledge me," said Mendes, who signed with the label. "After that, quickly Republic Records, and then Atlantic Records, Sony Records and Warner Bros. It was the labels at once. It was absolutely insane, like, knowing that this many record

labels were interested in me."

Mendes' social-media stardom — he has 2.8 followers on Vine and 1.3 million followers on Twitter — is translating to the pop charts: His single, the ballad "Life of the Party," debuted at No. 24 on the Billboard Hot 100 last month, selling an impressive 148,000 tracks.

He recently released a four-song, self-titled EP and is on tour with Austin Mahone and Fifth Harmony.

Mendes began posting clips on Vine last year from his home in Canada, starting with a cover of Justin Bieber's "As Long as You Love Me." His manager, Andrew Gertler, discovered the singer after searching YouTube for covers of A Great Big World's "Say Something." He immediately sent the clip to Ziggy Chareton, an A&R manager at Island Records.

"I never really looked at Vine as a resource to find talent," Chareton said.

"We knew the social following was there, but he had never sold a song before," Gertler added. "Coming to New York and seeing that girls were showing up to his hotel and seeing that these numbers online were translating to physical people was when we were kind of like, 'OK, this is getting serious.'"

Chareton said Mendes' sound will echo Ed Sheeran, John Mayer and OneRepublic.

"I want this to be the complete antithesis of Austin Mahone. Even though he's going on tour with him to kind of garner that same demographic and fan base, we want quality records," he said.

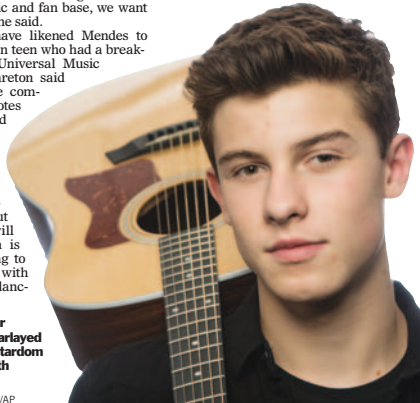
Some people have likened Mendes to Bieber, a Canadian teen who had a breakthrough on the Universal Music Group label. Chareton said he's OK with the comparison, but notes that fans should also expect something different.

"I take no offense to that (because Bieber) became extremely successful, but the one thing I will say about Shawn is you're never going to see him onstage with 30 background dancers."

Canadian teenager  
Shawn Mendes parlayed  
his social-media stardom  
into a contract with  
Island Records.

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ers, pyrotechnics and records produced and having features from Nicki Minaj," he said.



## MUSIC

Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records

# Jenny Lewis opens up on 'The Voyager'

By MIKAEL WOOD

Los Angeles Times

**J**enny Lewis vowed she'd never return to California's San Fernando Valley, at least not to live.

The area was too closely linked to her childhood in Van Nuys, Calif. — to her experience as a young actor (in late-'80s artifacts like "Mr. Belvedere" and "Troop Beverly Hills") and to her complicated relationship with her parents. And it was too far from the Eastside neighborhoods where Lewis later established herself as an important figure in L.A.'s music scene, first with her band Rilo Kiley and then on her own.

Yet there she was on a recent afternoon, sitting in the dining room of her hillside home in Studio City, as she and her boyfriend, singer-songwriter Johnathan Rice, discussed options for oysters on Ventura Boulevard.

"As soon as I bought it, I had a panic attack," she said of the house, a stylishly woody number filled with books, records and vintage musical gear. "I remember pitching an AeroBed in the living room and thinking, 'This is the worst mistake I've ever made. I'm back in the Valley.'"

It's nerve-racking, perhaps, but confronting old troubles is precisely what Lewis, 38, does on her superb new solo album, "The Voyager," which came out last week to rave reviews. Failed romances, Rilo Kiley's breakup, the death of her estranged father — the singer addresses them all in songs that blend bruising introspection with a sly sense of humor.

But though the material can be heavy — "When I look at myself, all I can see/ I'm just another lady without a baby," she sings in "Just One of the Guys" — the music shimmers with weightless melodies and grooves that recall classic California pop by the Eagles and Fleetwood Mac.

"Jenny's songwriting skills are right up there with the best," said Lenny Waronker, the veteran producer known for his work with Randy Newman and James Taylor, among others. "This could be a record that reaches out to lots of kinds of people," he said.

Lewis built a devoted following almost immediately with Rilo Kiley, which she formed in the late '90s with another former child actor, Blake Sennett. Beloved by indie rock aesthetes for its crafty hooks and brainy lyrics, the band went on to release four albums and even toured with Coldplay. During breaks, though, Lewis dabbled with other musicians, singing on the hit debut by the Postal Service and putting out her first solo record, "Rabbit Fur Coat," in 2006. Her next one, 2008's "Acid Tongue," featured collaborations with Elvis Costello and Zooey Deschanel.

"Everybody loves Jenny," said Benmont Tench, a member of Tom Petty's band, The Heartbreakers, who plays organ on "The Voyager." "You can't mention her in town without getting a positive response."

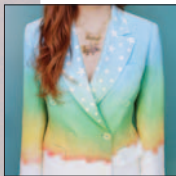
Yet mainstream stardom never quite materialized, even as younger L.A. acts Lewis had clearly influenced — such as Haim, whose Danielle Haim once played guitar in Lewis' live band — began catching on at Top 40 radio.

At her house, Lewis dismissed the idea that she'd blazed some kind of trail for artists eager to move beyond indie rock's famously disheveled vibe. She also seemed uncomfortable with the notion that "The Voyager" represents her conscious bid for a larger audience.

But there's no denying the care she put into the record. Some of the songs on "The Voyager," she said, date back several years to right after Rilo Kiley's dissolution in 2011; she'd recorded "tons of versions" in various settings but wasn't satisfied with the results.

Finally, Lewis took up with Ryan Adams, the alt-country singer-songwriter, at his Pax-Am Studio in Hollywood. There they remade the tunes, working quickly but attentively with a crew of top-notch L.A. players in an effort to capture a wide-open quality that didn't feel generic.

"I needed an outside person to help me get there," Lewis said, in part because (unlike her previous solo records) "The Voyager" had no clear-cut recording concept. Rather than taking pains to differentiate the music from Rilo Kiley, she was simply trying to "make the best possible record I could make." And within minutes at Pax-Am, she said, "I knew that this had that magic."



**Jenny Lewis**

The Voyager

(Warner Bros. Records)



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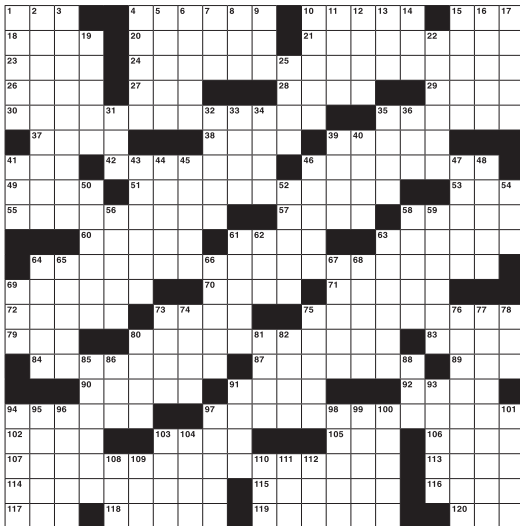
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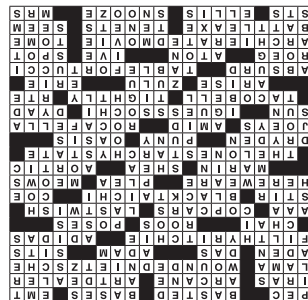
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# GADGETS & CHARTS



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It's better for your gadgets to put them to sleep each night, not shut them down.

## Nightly rituals for electronics

By KEVIN HUNT  
Chicago Tribune

Is it better to put your computer to sleep at night, like a little electronic baby, or shut it down to save energy like a good global eco-citizen?

The minuscule amount of energy, if any, saved with a nightly shutdown won't reduce anyone's carbon footprint much, but could shorten your computer's life. The daily on-off stress isn't good for your computer's heart. It'll only lead to an early trip to the landfill or recycling center.

"A power cycle, which is turning a computer off fully and then turning it back on, should be relegated to a maintenance activity on approximately a weekly basis," says Damian Giannunzio, director of Iolo Labs of Los Angeles, which studies PC performance and stability.

Giannunzio, whose research contributes to the development of Iolo Technologies' repair and optimization software for Windows PCs, says he runs his own computer in balanced power mode. This default Windows setting provides peak performance only on demand.

Even gamers should question whether Windows' high-performance power mode, with maxed-out screen brightness and processor constantly in high gear, is worth higher operating temperatures, increased power consumption, more noise and shorter life span.

"High performance, in my mind, is terrible," Giannunzio says. "It is absolutely not worth essentially removing any sort of limitation on the processor's frequency. It's no longer intelligent or adaptive."

"When you go into high-performance mode, you're letting it run at peak speeds all the time. That is death to a system. At low mode, you do end up seeing a penalty, which is activity and speeds of the system."

So run your PC in balanced power mode and put it to bed each night in either standby or hibernate. Standby uses little power and awakes faster, where hibernate uses no power but revives slowly. (Apple computers have adjustable energy-saver sleep and idle modes.)

A fully charged notebook computer connected to a power outlet consumes an average of 29.48 watts, according to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's tests for the Department of Energy. In sleep mode, it averages 15.77 watts. Turned off, it still consumes 8.9 watt.

Those 8.9 watts are classified as vampire, or phantom, power — energy used by devices ostensibly shut down. Your TV and cable box are energy hogs. So are printers, gaming consoles and coffee makers.

Here's the new nighttime ritual: Put your computer to sleep, turn off the monitor and use a smart power strip to kill electricity to vampire power users. Then you can put yourself into sleep mode.

## GADGET WATCH

### Get connected for accurate forecasts

By GREGG ELLMAN

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

The Oregon Scientific Weather@Home (model BAR218HG) is one of those gadgets that you don't think you need — until you do.

With the weather station, you no longer have to troll your TV stations, websites or apps to get weather reports. Instead, you can become your own household's weather forecaster with the Bluetooth-enabled weather station you keep inside, paired with a temperature and humidity sensor you keep outside.

The sensor is powered by a single AA battery (not included) to take readings and send it to the weather station wirelessly. Then with Bluetooth you can read the results on your smartphone with the device's free app (Android and iOS), up to 55 yards away.

Temperatures are also taken inside along with daily highs and lows, humidity and forecasts.

I compared the weather station versus my local news weatherman, and they were both right on with predictions of temperatures above 100 with a slight chance of an afternoon storm. While it doesn't take much of a prediction with that forecast, they were both accurate as the week went on.

The Weather@Home is powered by 3 AA batteries (not included) and has other alerts for storm warnings, wind, frost, fog, the percentage of moon phase and an auto setting clock.

Online: OregonScientific.com/us, \$53.64

The Voyager Edge from Plantronics puts many other Bluetooth headsets to shame.

Sound and battery life are the most important features to me. Having a great-looking device without being able to hear your caller is use-

less.

The Voyager Edge has all the features you need in a Bluetooth (4.0) device along with NFC pairing with NFC enabled devices.

Like any other similar device, you have to pair it with your smartphone and you're ready to go.

The Edge was described as "Intelligent" by a company representative before I tried it out, and after using it I was impressed with how smart it is.

When I put the headset on, my phone instantly detected it and was ready to answer calls. Your voice command of "ignore or answer" will tell the device what to do next.

Noise-canceling technology enables you to hear incoming calls with crystal clarity, and three built-in noise-canceling mics allow your caller to hear you just as well.

The lightweight and water resistant Voyager Edge, unlike many others of its competitors, is a complete kit. You get several sized silicone ear-tips for the right fit and clip-on ear-loops.

But what makes it a complete kit is the car charger and charging case to give you extra power on the go. The extra battery will give you up to 10 more hours of talk time on top of the headset's battery for 6 hours.

A USB cable is included to give them both a charge.

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Henge Docks Vertical Docking Station is a space saver for the MacBook Pro (15 or 13-inch with Retina Display).

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To keep your laptop running while docked, since the cover is closed, you'll have to keep it connected to AC power. If you plan on using the dock often, it might be a good idea to pick up an extra power cord.

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2. "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
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4. "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
5. "Burnin' It Down," Jason Aldean
6. "Maps," Maroon 5
7. "All I Need Is You," Lacie Rae
8. "Chandelier," Sia
9. "Boom Clap," Charli XCX
10. "Dirt," Florida Georgia Line

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## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top streamed tracks on Spotify from July 8 to Aug. 3:

1. "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
2. "Rude," MAGIC!
3. "Fancy," Iggy Azalea
4. "Chandelier," Sia
5. "Problem," Ariana Grande
6. "Am I Wrong," Nico & Vinz
7. "Latch," Disclosure
8. "Break Free," Ariana Grande
9. "Maps," Maroon 5
10. "Summer," Calvin Harris

— Compiled by The Associated Press

## ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for August 6:

1. "Divergent"
2. "The Amazing Spider-Man 2"
3. "The Other Woman"
4. "Need for Speed"
5. "Noah"
6. "The Spectacular Now"
7. "Heaven Is for Real"
8. "Snowpiercer"
9. "Palo Alto"
10. "God's Not Dead"

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## VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer rank the Top 10 games for August:

1. "The Last of Us: Remastered Edition," PS4
2. "Divinity: Original Sin," PC
3. "Shovel Knight," Wii U, 3DS, PC
4. "Dark Souls II: The Crown of the Sunken King," PS3, 360, PC
5. "Oddworld: New 'n' Tasty," PS4
6. "EA Sports UFC," PS4, Xbox One
7. "Another World: 20th Anniversary Edition," PS4, Xbox One, Wii U, PS3, 360, Vita, 3DS
8. "Tales of Xillia 2," PS3
9. "Sacred 3," PC
10. "Valiant Hearts: The Great War," PS4, Xbox One, PS3, 360, PC

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## APPS

Top 5 new free apps for August 6:

ANDROID

1. Battle Camp
2. Yummy Mania
3. Underworld Syndicate
4. City Island: Airport 2
5. Vikings Game World

Top 5 free apps for August 6:

APPLE

1. Facebook Messenger
2. Crazy Taxi: City Rush
3. A Dark Room
4. Family Feud 2
5. No One Dies

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## BOOKS

# 'Lena Finkle's Magic Barrel' conjures new literary form

By DAVID L. ULIN  
Los Angeles Times

It's tempting to frame Anya Ulinich's "Lena Finkle's Magic Barrel" in terms of its antecedents: Bernard Malamud and Anton Chekhov, on the one hand, both of whom are referenced in the narrative, and on the other, graphic novelists such as Marjane Satrapi and Harvey Pekar, whose work is rich, allusive and (perhaps most important) alive with words.

What's more accurate, however, is that "Lena Finkle's Magic Barrel" has no antecedents, that it transcends its influences so thoroughly it creates a form, a language, all its own. Ulinich wrote a previous (non-graphic) novel, 2007's "Petropolis," which tells the story of a Russian mail-order bride named Sasha Goldberg, who ends up in Brooklyn by way of Arizona. Something of a similar set of migrations is at play here, but don't let that mislead you: This new book is a departure in nearly every way.

Most obvious, of course, is its status as a graphic novel, the interplay of words and images through which so much of the narrative unfolds. Ulinich has an MFA in painting from the University of California and has done her share of portrait work and illustration, but this is a different order of magnitude.

Then there is the story, narrated by a woman, Lena, very much like the author — late 30s, a novelist who came to the United States from Moscow as a divorced mother of two daughters, living and teaching in Brooklyn. Gone is the satirical edge of Ulinich's first book, replaced with a relentless drive toward revelation, a metaphorical mortification of the flesh.

"If I'm going to be an American novelist," Lena tells her mother after the State Department offers to send her back to Russia on a cultural exchange program, "I'd better write my next American novel."

"Lena Finkle's Magic Barrel" is that novel, a kind of social fiction in comics form. The simplest way to describe it is to say that it's about Lena's efforts to reconcile herself to sex and love (through OkCupid, among other contemporary intercessions), but that doesn't do justice to the complexity of what Ulinich has in mind.

Rather, "Lena Finkle's Magic Barrel" works as something of a confessional, a series of notebooks that excavate its protagonist's life and psyche from the inside. We learn about her upbringing in Russia, her infatuation there with a boy named Alik, with whom she has remained in touch. We witness, in subtle yet chilling detail, the two times she was abused as a child in the elevator of her apartment block, incidents that have a lot to do with inability to connect.

This is the power of the graphic novel, that it not only tells but also shows us, that by integrating images into the narrative, it draws us into Lena's experience with the force of memory. Ulinich highlights this with her drawing, which merges elements of sketch and crayon into a style that is naturalistic and impressionistic at once.

For the most part, she forgoes panels in favor of full or half-page images, and throughout, she uses the device of a notebook, complete with lined paper and re-

created spiral rings, to bring the process of her storytelling to life. The effect is that of seeing her working drafts — a useful strategy because so much of the book deals with her efforts to find a through line, to make sense of the disparate pieces of her life.

"I'm going to write about you," she announces late in the novel to a man known only as the Orphan, a trust funder in further retreat from his privilege with whom she's fallen in love. "You won't be able to," he responds, "... (because you'll turn me into a stereotype like the characters in those mean satires you like.)"

It's hard, reading that, not to think about "Petropolis," a point Ulinich makes explicit by giving Lena a failed second novel, which flutters through the background of the story like an albatross. "Novels are so stupid!" she laments. "With their plots, deliberate as garbage truck routes, and character development, steady as garbage collection. ... Look at these three



hundred pages of garbage! ... What does this 'realism' have to do with reality? ... Why keep trying to do, badly, what Tolstoy already did well a hundred years ago?"

In that sense, "Lena Finkle's Magic Barrel" can be regarded as a declaration of independence for character and (perhaps) author alike.

Throughout the book, we see Lena's most mundane and intimate interactions: making dinner for her daughters, riding the bus, wrestling with her self-loathing, her self-doubt. We observe her in all her flawed and glorious humanity. Even when she is making a mistake, we empathize with her desire for transcendence and her understanding that transcendence is another illusion, that the quotidian is all we get.

Photos courtesy of Anya Ulinich

# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

## Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stars as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stars reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at [stripes.com](http://stripes.com) or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in

Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.



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institutions and interests by  
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2013 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Laura Rauch

2013 Best American Newspaper  
Narrative Writing Contest –  
Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Martin Kuz:  
"Soldiers Recount Attack"

2013 National Headline Awards –  
Second Place: News Series  
(Forever After: A Warrior Wounded;  
A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign –  
Honorable Mention  
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year –  
Honorable Mention  
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award –  
Breaking News Photography  
(Newspaper Circulation 100,001+  
or Affiliated Website/National  
Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch:  
"For those I love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary  
Award for Excellence in Journalism –  
Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headliner Awards –  
First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) –  
Third Place: News Series  
(Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism –  
George Polk Award for Military Reporting  
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III  
and Kevin Barton

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Editorial Print /  
Special Supplement: HEROES 2009;  
Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

2007 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Overseas coverage ( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano;  
Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery  
Photography: Fred Zimmerman

2005 Military Reporters  
and Editors Awards –  
Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipients: Steve Lewis  
Photography: Terry Boyd

2004 American Legion Excellence in  
Journalism Award –  
Ground Truth Series

2003 Scripps Howard Foundation  
National Journalism Award –  
First Amendment, Finalist

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## McDonald's sales continue to slump

By LESLIE PATTON

Bloomberg News

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp., the world's biggest restaurant chain, said sales at stores open at least 13 months fell 2.5 percent in July as a U.S. slump continued for the third straight month and a food scare in Asia hurt results.

Analysts estimated a 1.1 percent global decline, the average of 12 projections from Consensus Metrix. Sales fell 3.2 percent in the United States and 7.3 percent in Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Africa, the Oak Brook, Ill.-based company said in a statement Friday. Both drops were bigger than analysts estimated.

McDonald's, which gets about 32 percent of revenue from domestic locations, has struggled to attract Americans this year as new chains lure away customers and established rivals introduce cheaper food deals. McDonald's also has recently faced sales

trouble in China, where one of its suppliers was investigated for altering expiration dates on food.

"The U.S. is struggling and Asia Pacific is struggling," Peter Saleh, a New York-based analyst at Telsey Advisory Group, said in an interview. "They're just feeling a lot of pressure from competitors" in the U.S.

Analysts projected a 2.6 percent decline for U.S. sales last month. Domestic same-store sales dropped 3.5 percent in June and 1 percent in May.

Last month, McDonald's posted second-quarter profits that trailed analysts' estimates as a U.S. slump lingered and rivals offered more new items. Taco Bell earlier this year introduced breakfast fare nationwide, and Burger King Worldwide is selling \$1 sandwiches as a part of its King Deals menu. McDonald's recently set up a learning lab in the U.S. to help it better understand what customers want.

McDonald's said earlier this

month that sales in China and Japan are being hurt after supplier OSI Group was accused of repackaging expired meat. The situation caused McDonald's to temporarily pull beef, pork and chicken items from its restaurants in China.

While it can't yet estimate the full effect on 2014 earnings, the areas at issue make up about 10 percent of consolidated revenue and the company's global same-store sales forecast for the year is "at risk," the company said in a regulatory filing on Aug. 4.

"McDonald's is undertaking recovery strategies to restore customers' trust and confidence," the company said in Friday's statement.

Japan same-store sales fell 17 percent in July after the supplier probe, McDonald's said earlier this month. The 7.3 percent drop in McDonald's Asia Pacific region was steeper than the 0.5 percent slide analysts' estimated. More than 7 percentage points of the

decline was due to the supplier issue, McDonald's said.

"The magnitude is very severe in Asia Pacific and it's obviously translating to Japan," Saleh said. "They're just not going to recover overnight."

Same-store sales rose 0.5 percent last month in Europe, where McDonald's gets about 40 percent of revenue. Analysts estimated a 0.7 percent drop, according to Consensus Metrix.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Aug. 11)	\$1.3734
Dollar buys (Aug. 11)	€0.7281
British pound (Aug. 11)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (Aug. 11)	100.00
South Korean won (Aug. 11)	1,013.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.676
Canada (Dollar)	1.0971
China (Yuan)	6.1564
Denmark (Krone)	6.5592
Egypt (Pound)	7.1506
Euro	\$1.3410/0.7457
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7515
Hungary (Forint)	233.31
Israel (Shekel)	3.4689
Japan (Yen)	102.04
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2833
Norway (Krone)	6.2268
Philippines (Peso)	44.15
Poland (Zloty)	3.13
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2518
South Korea (Won)	1,031.34
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9053
Thailand (Baht)	32.14
Turkey (Lira)	2.1450

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month Treasury bill	0.09
Federal funds market rate	0.09
1-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.23

### MARKET WATCH

Aug. 8, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	+185.66
	16,553.93
Nasdaq composite	+35.93
	4,370.90
Standard & Poor's 500	+22.02
	1,931.59
Russell 2000	+11.59
	1,131.35

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ableene, Texas	100	76	Pdly	Chatanooga	87	70	Rain	Fort Wayne	83	65	Cldy	Louisville	85	70	Pdly	Pocatello	90	57	Pdly
Akron, Ohio	83	62	Pdly	Chicago	82	65	Cldy	Fresno	98	70	Cldy	Lubbock	93	69	Pdly	Portland, Maine	80	59	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	87	60	Cir	Cincinnati	82	67	Cldy	Goodland	85	60	Pdly	Macon	89	72	Rain	Portland, Ore.	84	64	Cir
Albuquerque	89	66	Pdly	Cleveland	83	62	Pdly	Grand Junction	84	66	Pdly	Madison	83	62	Pdly	Pueblo	84	57	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	85	59	Cir	Colorado Springs	79	55	Cldy	Great Falls	87	66	Pdly	Memphis	92	76	Cldy	Reno	74	67	Pdly
Amarillo	88	60	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	85	72	Rain	Green Bay	82	66	Pdly	Miami Beach	91	80	Pdly	Raleigh-Durham	80	57	Pdly
Anchorage	66	54	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	90	74	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	72	56	Pdly	Midland-Odessa	96	72	Pdly	Roanoke	90	64	Pdly
Asheville	72	64	Rain	Columbia, Ohio	82	66	Cldy	Harrisburg	84	63	Cldy	Milwaukee	78	64	Pdly	Richmond	81	67	Cldy
Atlanta	86	73	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	86	66	Cir	Hartford-Springfield	87	61	Cir	Mpls-St Paul	80	64	Cldy	Rochester	83	63	Cldy
Atlantic City	86	63	Cir	Corpus Christi	94	77	Pdly	Hell	90	56	Pdly	Missoula	92	54	Pdly	Rockford	63	62	Cldy
Austin	84	64	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	104	79	Pdly	Key West	97	77	Rain	Mobile	85	72	Cldy	San Antonio	101	76	Pdly
Baltimore	84	66	Pdly	Dayton	81	65	Cldy	Houston	96	78	Pdly	Montgomery	90	73	Rain	San Francisco	91	62	Pdly
Baton Rouge	94	74	Pdly	Denver	84	76	Rain	Huntsville	91	71	Cldy	Nashville	90	72	Cldy	St. Louis	86	70	Cldy
Bilings	87	60	Pdly	Des Moines	82	56	Cldy	Indianapolis	82	69	Cldy	New Orleans	92	78	Cldy	St. Thomas	91	79	Rain
Birmingham	89	73	Cldy	El Paso	94	72	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	94	74	Cldy	New York City	86	67	Cir	Salt Lake City	92	66	Pdly
Bismarck	78	53	Cir	El Paso	94	72	Cldy	Jacksonville	93	75	Rain	Newark	87	66	Cir	Salt Lake City	92	66	Pdly
Boise	94	66	Cir	El Paso	94	72	Cldy	Janeau	91	56	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	80	73	Cldy	San Jose	81	61	Cir
Boston	83	69	Cldy	El Paso	94	72	Cldy	Kansas City	83	67	Rain	North Platte	84	57	Pdly	San Jose	81	61	Cir
Bridgeport	86	64	Cldy	El Paso	94	72	Cldy	Key West	91	64	Pdly	Okla. City	85	72	Cldy	San Jose	81	61	Cir
Brownsville	96	79	Pdly	Erie	80	61	Cir	Knoxville	84	69	Rain	Omaha	80	65	Cldy	San Jose	81	61	Cir
Buffalo	83	65	Cir	Eugene	95	60	Cir	Lake Charles	91	78	Cldy	Orlando	95	75	Cldy	San Jose	81	61	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	84	60	Cir	Evansville	87	63	Cldy	Lansing	86	63	Pdly	Paducah	87	72	Cldy	San Jose	81	61	Cir
Caribou, Maine	80	57	Cldy	Fairbanks	76	53	Pdly	Las Vegas	100	81	Pdly	Pendleton	99	64	Cir	San Jose	81	61	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	93	51	Cldy	Fargo	79	55	Cldy	London	82	68	Rain	Pearl	93	64	Cir	San Jose	81	61	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	90	75	Rain	Flagstaff	81	51	Cldy	Lincoln	81	65	Cldy	Philadelphia	86	66	Cir	Savannah	91	74	Rain
Charlotte, N.C.	80	66	Cldy	Flint	85	62	Cir	Little Rock	92	76	Cldy	Phoenix	105	87	Pdly	Seattle	87	60	Cldy
	74	68	Rain	Fort Smith	94	74	Pdly	Los Angeles	82	68	Pdly	Pittsburgh	82	65	Cldy	Shreveport	96	77	Cldy

National temperature extremes  
Hi: Fri., 115, Death Valley, Calif.  
Lo: Fri., 34, Leadville, Colo.

coach.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Judge rules against NCAA in antitrust case

The Associated Press

A federal judge ruled in a landmark decision that collegiate football and basketball players can sell the rights to their names and likenesses, opening the way to amateur athletes getting some payouts from the booming American college sports industry once their university careers are over.

The judge ruled Friday in favor of former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon and 19 others in a lawsuit that challenged the powerful NCAA's regulation of college athletics on antitrust grounds. Plaintiffs argued college sports' amateurism rules are anti-competitive and allow the National Collegiate Athletic Association to operate as an illegal cartel.

In a partial victory for the NCAA, though, U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken said the sports body could set a cap on the money paid to athletes, as long as it allows at least \$5,000 a year for big school football and basketball players.

The NCAA and big sports schools have been under enormous pressure to reform recently, facing legal attacks on several fronts that claim their amateur system exploits student-athletes who can't focus on their education and risk lasting physical damage to their bodies while not getting fair compensation with scholarships alone.

## Michigan WR York charged with assault

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Suspended Michigan wide receiver Cson'te York is facing assault charges.

Online court records show York was charged Friday with one count of aggravated assault and two counts of assault or battery. The charges are all misdemeanors and are related to a July 18 incident. The online records do not provide any additional details about the allegations. They also did not list an



ERIC DRAPER/AP

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attorney for York.

Coach Brady Hoke announced Sunday that York had been suspended indefinitely. A statement from Hoke said York had failed to meet "team standards."

York appeared in one game as a reserve wide receiver as a freshman last season.

## Sterling appeals ruling that OK'd Clippers sale

LOS ANGELES — The \$2 billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers may not be a done deal yet, with current owner Donald Sterling lodging a court appeal on Friday against an earlier judgment that his estranged wife Shelly had the right to sell the NBA club to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.

Ballmer's lawyer quickly denounced the move as part of Sterling's "egotistical crusade to destroy the Clippers."

Lawyers for Sterling asked the Second District Court of Appeals to stay a probate judge's ruling that cleared the way for the sale.

They said the judge prematurely finalized his ruling so the sale can be completed without a chance to appeal.

## Jeff Gordon wins pole at Watkins Glen

WATKINS GLEN, New York — Jeff Gordon has won the Sprint Cup pole for the Cheez-It 355 at Watkins Glen International.

Gordon turned a fast lap of 129.466 mph in the second and final round of knockout qualifying on the 2.45-mile road course to top Marcos Ambrose and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson.

Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch rounded out the top five. AJ Allmendinger was sixth, followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Joey Logano, Brad Keselowski and Ryan Newman.

Defending race winner Kyle Busch will start 19th. Just missing the second round was five-time Watkins Glen winner Tony Stewart, who will start 13th.

Danica Patrick, who crashed in

final practice on Friday and will start at the rear of the field, ran 11 laps.

## Park up one stroke in Meijer LPGA Classic

BELMONT, Mich. — Inbee Park took the second-round lead Friday in the Meijer LPGA Classic, birdieing her first three holes en route to her second straight 5-under 66.

Park finished on the front nine, adding birdies on the par-5 fifth and eighth holes in her bogey-free round at BlytheField Country Club. The third-ranked South Korean player won six times last year and took the Manulife Financial in June in Canada for her 10th LPGA Tour title.

Fourth-ranked Suzann Pettersen was a stroke back. The Norwegian player matched the course record with a 64.

## Tonga upsets Murray to reach semifinals

TORONTO — Fresh from dispatching Novak Djokovic in straight sets, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga eliminated another of tennis' top echelon by beating Andy Murray on Friday to reach the Rogers Cup semifinals.

Tsonga beat eighth-seeded Andy Murray 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4 while Roger Federer was extended to three sets in defeating David Ferrer.

The second-seeded Federer beat fifth-seeded Ferrer 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in the late match to set up a semifinal against Feliciano Lopez, who upset local favorite Milos Raonic 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

Tsonga will take on seventh-seeded Grigor Dimitrov, who edged Kevin Anderson 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (6).

In other tennis news:

■ Serena and Venus set up an all-Williams semifinal in the Rogers Cup at Montreal.

The sisters advanced to their 26th career meeting Friday, both

rallying to win their quarterfinal matches in the hard-court event. Serena beat Caroline Wozniacki 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, and Venus topped Carla Suarez Navarro 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The 32-year-old Serena has won the last five matches against 34-year-old Venus to take a 15-10 edge.

In the other quarterfinals, third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska beat Victoria Azarenka 6-2, 6-2, and Ekaterina Makarova edged Coco Vandeweghe 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

## Phelps loses 100 fly at US Nationals

IRVINE, Calif. — Two events, two losses for Michael Phelps.

Tom Shields upset the three-time Olympic champion by a hundredth of a second to win the 100-meter butterfly at the U.S. national championships Friday night.

Shields touched in 51.29 seconds, tying for the second-fastest time in the world this year. Phelps was second in 51.30 — still third-quickest in the world — but he lost for the second time in two events in the biggest meet since he launched a comeback in April after 1 1/2 years in retirement.

The 18-time Olympic gold medalist has two events remaining this week.

Tim Phillips was third in 51.54.

## Taurasi signs contract extension with Mercury

PHOENIX — Diana Taurasi signed a multiyear contract extension with the Phoenix Mercury on Friday.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The 32-year-old former UConn guard is averaging 17.0 points and 5.8 assists this season and has led the Mercury to a WNBA-best 25-4 record. She helped Phoenix win championships in 2006 and 2009, was the 2009 league MVP and has won five scoring titles.

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## NBA



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Above, inductees gather for a photograph at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., on Friday. Pictured below, clockwise from top right, are former NBA commissioner David Stern, NCAA champion head coaches Nolan Richardson and Gary Williams, seven-time NBA All-Star Alonzo Mourning, Lithuanian star Sarunas Marciulionis, three-time ABA championship-winning Indiana Pacers coach Bob "Slick" Leonard, and six-time NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond.



# Basketball beatification

## Hoop dreams came true for latest Hall of Fame class

By JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Alonzo Mourning first thanked all of the usual people when he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame: His coaches, his teachers, and the foster mother who raised him.

Then he turned to those who made it possible for his unique journey to the sport's highest honor.

With one of the doctors who performed his kidney transplant in attendance, the former Georgetown and Miami Heat star discussed the disease that threatened his life and almost ended his career. He also thanked his cousin-turned-kidney donor, Jason Cooper.

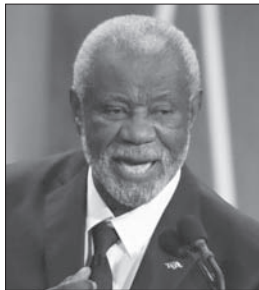
"There was such purpose to my life at that point

and I never doubted — no matter how long the odds — that it was possible," Mourning said. "I just thought, 'This is much bigger than me.' I had a goal set to win a championship that was denied when I got kidney disease."

Mourning returned to win the 2006 NBA title with the Heat and complete a career that led him to the Springfield shrine. He was inducted in a class that also included former NBA commissioner David Stern, NCAA championship-winning coaches Nolan Richardson and Gary Williams and six-time NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond.

The women's teams from Immaculata College that won three straight national championships (1972-74) were also honored, along with Lithuania star Sarunas Marciulionis. The Immaculata teams included Marianne Stanley, Theresa Grentz and Rene Portland.

Former Indiana Pacers coach Bob "Slick" Leonard, the late Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton of the New York Knicks and the late Guy Rodgers of Temple rounded out the class.







## MLB

# Orioles hammer Cardinals

By DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — On a night in which the Orioles wore 1954 throwback uniforms to mark the 60th anniversary of their arrival in Baltimore, the team administered an old-fashioned whipping on the St. Louis Cardinals.

J.J. Hardy hit two of the Orioles' season-high six home runs, and Baltimore cruised to a 12-2 victory Friday night to move a season-high 17 games over .500.

It was a rare blowout for the Orioles, who scored three runs or fewer in 11 of their 20 previous games and have played 63 games decided by one or two runs.

"Anytime you can get a big lead and come out of the game early it's nice," said Hardy, who left in the seventh inning. "It's fun just to be able to relax and watch the game."

Hardy hit a solo shot and a three-run drive for his 11th multihomer game. Manny Machado, Adam Jones, Chris Davis and Ryan Flaherty also connected as Baltimore (66-49) reached double figures in runs for the first time since April 24.

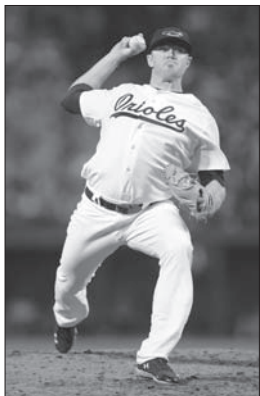
"Baseball's full of circles," Machado said. "One day we're going to win a game 2-1, 1-0 and the other day we're going to blow a team out. It's just part of the game."

Chris Tillman (9-5) gave up two runs and four hits in 6½ innings. He was pulled after a two-run drive by A.J. Pierzynski made it 12-2.

"It was one of those nights where everything kind of clicked for me and I was able to execute most of my pitches," Tillman said.

The result was Baltimore's first win over the Cardinals in 11 years. The Orioles — who were the St. Louis Browns before relocating — went 1-2 in St. Louis in 2003 and were swept in three games at Camden Yards in 2011.

The Cardinals and Browns once shared Sportsman's Park in St. Louis, but now the teams rarely run into each other.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Baltimore starter Chris Tillman pitches to St. Louis during the seventh inning of Friday's game in Baltimore.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Mets' Bartolo Colon gave up one run and six hits Friday against the Phillies, pitching eight innings to pick up his 200th victory.

## Roundup

# Colon earns 200th victory

## Journeyman pitcher joins elite list of Dominican pitchers

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bartolo Colon pitched eight innings for his 200th career victory. Travis d'Arnaud homered, and the New York Mets held on for a 5-4 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Friday night.

Daniel Murphy recorded his fifth straight multihit game with two singles for the Mets, who have won 10 of 11 in Philadelphia.

Marlon Byrd homered, Grady Sizemore drove in two runs, and Ben Revere had two of the Phillies' nine hits. Revere is batting a major league-best .388 since June 26.

The 41-year-old Colon (11-9) joined Pedro Martinez and Juan Marichal as the only Dominican-born pitchers to reach 200 victories. He gave up one run and six hits, struck out six and walked none.

**Rays 4, Cubs 3 (10):** Kevin Kiermaier, who entered the game in the eighth inning, drove in the winning run with a single in the 10th to give visiting Tampa Bay a victory over Chicago.

Desmond Jennings went 2-for-5 with a homer, and Ben Zobrist went 3-for-5 as Tampa Bay won its second straight.

**Pirates 2, Padres 1:** Gregory Polanco and Josh Harrison had three hits each, and Vance Worley outduelled Ian Kennedy as host Pittsburgh edged San Diego.

The Pirates (62-53) moved a season-high nine games over .500.

**Tigers 5, Blue Jays 4:** Nick Castellanos tied the game with a two-run homer in the ninth inning, and Eugenio Suarez followed with a go-ahead shot as visiting Detroit rallied to beat Toronto.

The Tigers trailed 4-2 entering the ninth against closer Casey Janssen.

**Yankees 10, Indians 6:** Carlos Beltran hit a grand slam and drove in five runs as host New York broke out to support fill-in starter Esmil Rogers and beat sloppy Cleveland for its sixth win in seven games.

Derek Jeter tied Honus Wagner with his 3,430th hit in a five-run first inning against Trevor Bauer (4-7), and Beltran's 11th career slam highlighted a five-run sixth.

**Royals 4, Giants 2:** Billy Butler homered and drove in three runs, and right fielder Nori Aoki threw out two runners in the same inning as host Kansas City beat San Francisco for its fifth straight victory.

The Royals, who haven't been in the playoffs since winning the 1985 World Series, hold a half-game lead for the second AL wild card.

**Brewers 9, Dodgers 3:** Rickie Weeks hit a three-run homer, and Gerardo Parra had two hits and two RBIs to lead host Milwaukee over Los Angeles.

The Dodgers went ahead 3-2 in the top of the seventh, then Milwaukee capitalized on two errors by reserve shortstop Justin Turner and scored four runs in their half of the inning.

**Astros 4, Rangers 3:** Robbie Grossman's two-run homer put host ahead in the eighth inning and host Houston held on to top Texas.

Chris Carter hit his 25th home run for Houston, which trailed 2-1 entering the eighth. Grossman, who finished with three hits, homered off of Neal Cotts (2-6) to put the Astros on top.

**Marlins 2, Reds 1:** Nathan Eovaldi

gave his second straight shutdown performance, holding host Cincinnati to five hits over eight shutout innings, and Giancarlo Stanton hit his NL-leading 28th homer, powering Miami to a victory.

The Reds fell to 8-13 since the All-Star break.

**Diamondbacks 5, Rockies 3:** David Peralta had two extra-base hits and stole home, Miguel Montero hit a three-run homer, and host Arizona beat listless Colorado.

Montero homered off Tyler Matzek (2-7) in the first inning of the matchup between the NL West's two worst teams.

**Athletics 6, Twins 5:** Scott Kazmir faced the minimum through six innings before running into trouble, Coco Crisp hit a bases-loaded triple, and host Oakland held off Minnesota for its 11th straight win in the series.

The Twins' last victory over the Athletics was at Minnesota on Sept. 10, 2013. The A's are 5-0 this year.

**Mariners 4, White Sox 1:** Mike Zunino hit a three-run homer, Hisashi Iwakuma pitched seven innings, and host Seattle beat Chicago for its fourth straight victory.

Zunino moved into a tie for the major league lead in home runs by a catcher with his 18th.

**Red Sox 4, Angels 2:** Mike Napoli homered against former batterymate Jered Weaver, and Yoenis Cespedes hit a two-run double, leading visiting Boston over Los Angeles.

Allen Webster (2-1) allowed two runs and four hits over 6½ innings in his third start since getting recalled from Triple-A.

## NFL

## Preseason roundup

## Bortles solid in debut

No. 3 overall pick throws for 117 yards in Jags' victory

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Blake Bortles was solid in his preseason debut, throwing for 117 yards and leading a second-half drive for a field goal to help the Jacksonville Jaguars beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 16-10 on Friday night.

The third overall pick in this year's draft completed 7 of 11 passes, including a 31-yarder down the middle of the field to Mike Brown to set up a 26-yard field goal that gave the Jaguars a 10-3 lead late in the third quarter.

Denard Robinson's 23-yard TD run snapped a 10-10 tie with 6:27 remaining in the game.

**Bills 20, Panthers 18:** Anthony Dixon ran for a touchdown, Dan Carpenter had a pair of field goals and Buffalo defeated host Carolina in a preseason game.

EJ Manuel completed 9 of 13 passes for 96 yards but the Bills struggled to cash in on scoring opportunities for the second straight game.

**Saints 26, Rams 24:** Mark Ingram had eight carries for 83 yards and a 22-yard touchdown in the first half and New Orleans beat host St. Louis without Drew Brees.

Rookie Michael Sam, the first openly gay

player drafted in the NFL, made a solid debut as a reserve defensive end for St. Louis.

**Falcons 16, Dolphins 10:** Miami's Ryan Tannehill and Atlanta's Matt Ryan produced touchdowns on their only possessions, Sean Renfree led two field-goal drives in the second half and the Falcons held off the visiting Dolphins.

The only touchdowns of the game came on each team's first drive as the starting quarterbacks each looked sharp.

**Bears 34, Eagles 28:** Jay Cutler, Jordan Palmer and Jimmy Clausen threw touchdown passes and host Chicago beat Philadelphia.

The Bears rattled Nick Foles in the early going, intercepting two passes, despite being without defensive end Jared Allen.

**Vikings 10, Raiders 6:** Matt Cassel led a crisp touchdown drive with Minnesota's first-team offense, and the Vikings broke in their temporary new home stadium by beating Oakland in their exhibition opener.

Teddy Bridgewater relieved Cassel at quarterback after one series. Playing into the third quarter, Bridgewater's Minnesota debut was mixed at best: 6-for-13 for 49 yards, two sacks and one fumble the Vikings recovered.



PHELAR M. EBENHACK/AP

Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Tommy Streeter catches a pass for a touchdown as he is hit by Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker Nate Stuper during the second half in Jacksonville, Fla., on Friday.

## Seahawks: Nearly a decade since NFL's last repeat champion

## FROM BACK PAGE

"The days of the dominant teams may be gone forever," said Ted Sundquist, a former general manager of the Denver Broncos and their director of college scouting when they won back-to-back Super Bowls in the late 1990s.

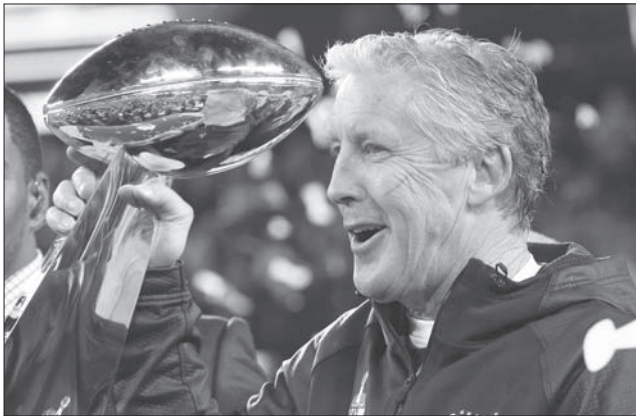
"It's hard. It's beyond hard. There are different types of players now, different types of systems set up. The game's changed."

Sundquist is among those who thinks the reigning champion Seattle Seahawks could be equipped to buck the recent trend. Their roster was the fifth-youngest in the league last season, according to STATS. They have plenty of stars on both sides of the ball, including quarterback Russell Wilson and cornerback Richard Sherman; and GM John Schneider and coach Pete Carroll set the tone.

"From a leadership perspective, John and Pete are not the kind of guys who will lose their focus — and I think that will trickle down to the players," Sundquist said. "What's really working against Seattle is that they're in a dagdum competitive division."

Joe Theismann, the quarterback on Washington Redskins teams that won the Super Bowl after the 1982 season and lost in the championship game a year later, also thinks Seattle is in a strong position.

"They have a lot of things going for them. Their stars are young. They play in a very tough place to compete for other people," Theismann said. "I would be extremely shocked to see what we've seen from other world champions, Baltimore, two years ago so



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Seattle coach Pete Carroll holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Seahawks defeated the Denver Broncos 43-8 in Super Bowl XLVIII in East Rutherford, N.J. The salary cap, extra playoff games and a league ban on parity have made the NFL one of the planet's most competitive leagues, where champions fall quickly and teams regularly make one-season turnarounds. The Seahawks hope to defy this trend and become the NFL's first repeat champions since the New England Patriots won back-to-back titles in 2004 and 2005.

many guys retired, so many guys left, and now they're retooling a little bit. That's not happening in Seattle."

The Seahawks' fans certainly are holding out last season, trotting out fake Lombardi Trophies to training camp practices. But Seahawks are not boasting about the franchise's first champion-

ship or talking about the route to No. 2.

From the moment the preparation for this season began, they were concentrating on the facets of the game that helped them rule the league a year ago, primarily the sure-handed offense and opportunistic defense that allowed Seattle to lead the NFL in turn-

over differential.

"When we came back in, there was no talk about repeating," receiver Doug Baldwin said. "It was (about) going back to the basics."

The Seahawks opened the preseason Thursday night with a penalty-filled 21-16 loss in a Super Bowl rematch against the Denver Broncos.

The history of the Super Bowl has often been very much about prolonged success, from the Packers' triumphs in the first two meetings between the champions of the AFL and NFL, to the repeats by the Dolphins, Steelers (twice), 49ers, Cowboys, Broncos and Patriots.

So what happened?

Teams are less deep nowadays. That makes health more important, because if a key player goes down, there tends to be a bigger drop-off. Keeping a roster intact is tougher, because players depart via free agency (Seattle lost receiver Golden Tate and defensive end Red Bryant, for example). Assistant coaches get hired away. Younger players might think they're under-appreciated and demand more money (Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch initially held out). Older players might not have the same drive anymore.

The shorter offseason, Baldwin pointed out, means champs "don't have as much time to recover" physically or mentally. The instant-celebrity world and heightened media attention create more distractions.

Schedules get tougher for a winner — another element in the NFL's path toward parity — and, of course, everyone wants to try to beat the previous season's best.

"There's always the unknown. Injuries. Off-the-field and offseason situations. Contract holdouts. Kind of that 'fog of war,' I like to call it," Sundquist said. "It's like NASCAR: You can be flying along and all it takes is one cylinder to pop on you and you're not running at full efficiency."

## PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

## AT A GLANCE

## Second round

**LEADING:** Rory McIlroy, who shot 67, tops the board at 9 under.

**PURSuing:** Jason Day and Jim Furyk were a shot back, followed by Rickie Fowler, Ryan Palmer and Mikko Ilonen at 7 under.

**TRACKING TIGER:** Woods missed the cut in a major for only the fourth time in his professional career, after shooting 74 both days.

**KEY STAT:** McIlroy's first two rounds — 66-67 — match the start Woods made in 2000 when he won the PGA at Valhalla.

**NOTEWORTHY:** Three players 50 years and older — Kenny Perry (54 on Sunday), Collin Montgomerie and Vijay Singh (both 51) — made the cut.

**QUOTEWORTHY:** "I felt old a long time ago." — Woods after missing the cut.

— The Associated Press

## 5 THINGS TO WATCH

**RORY'S QUEST:** Tiger Woods was the No. 1 player in the world when he won the 2000 PGA Championship at Valhalla for his third straight major. McIlroy isn't that far along, though he does have a small slice of history at stake. McIlroy is trying to become the seventh player to win the last two majors of the year.

**YOUNG GUNS:** Jason Day and Rickie Fowler might be the best young players without a major. Day shot a 6-under 65 that put him in the final group. Fowler shot a 66 and was two shots behind McIlroy.

**LEFTY'S SURGE:** Phil Mickelson has been mired in his longest losing streak since 2003. But it looks as though he has found his game. Mickelson shot a blistering 62 in the final round at Firestone, and it has carried over to his best 36-hole start in a major since winning the 2005 PGA Championship at Baltusrol. Mickelson opened with a 69 and eagled the final hole Friday for a 67.

**PART-TIME STRICKER:** Steve Stricker will be an assistant captain for the U.S. Ryder Cup team. But first, he has to take care of some business at the final major of the year. The 47-year-old Stricker, who became a part-time player last year to spend more time with his family shot 68 Friday and was four strokes off the lead heading to the weekend.

**TIGER'S FUTURE:** Tiger Woods shot back-to-back rounds of 74, leaving him a whopping five shots below the cut line. Woods said his ailing back flared up again, and he conceded that he needs to get stronger. It looks like he'll have plenty of time to work on his game. Woods failed to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs, and there seems little chance he will be picked for the Ryder Cup by Watson. For Woods, the focus turns to 2015.

— Paul Newberry, AP

## McIlroy in familiar position



JOHN LOCHER/AP

**Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy reacts Friday after making a birdie on the ninth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. McIlroy has a one-stroke lead.**

## Scoreboard

## Friday

**At Valhalla Golf Club**  
Louisville, Ky.  
Purse: \$10 million  
Yardage: 7,458; Par: 71  
Second Round

Rory McIlroy	66-67-133	-9
Jason Day	69-65-134	-8
Jim Furyk	66-68-134	-8
Ryan Palmer	65-70-135	-7
Rickie Fowler	69-66-135	-7
Mikko Ilonen	67-68-135	-7
Phil Mickelson	69-67-136	-6
Bernard Wiesberger	68-68-136	-6
Graham DeLaet	69-68-137	-5
Steve Stricker	68-69-137	-5
Henrik Stenson	66-71-137	-5
Joost Luiten	68-69-137	-5
Victor Dubuisson	69-68-137	-5
Lee Westwood	65-72-137	-5
Nick Watney	70-67-137	-5
Phil Haas	71-68-139	-3
Vijay Singh	71-68-139	-3
Matt Jones	68-71-139	-3
Richard Sterne	70-69-139	-3
Chris Wood	66-73-139	-3
Billy Horschel	71-68-139	-3
Kevin Chappell	65-74-139	-3
Jamie Donaldson	69-70-139	-2
Eduardo Molinari	70-73-139	-2
Alexander Levy	69-71-140	-2
Cameron Tringale	69-71-140	-2
J.B. Holmes	68-72-140	-2
Geoff Ogilvy	69-71-140	-2
Robert Karlsson	71-69-140	-2
Ernie Els	70-70-140	-2
Brendon de Jonge	70-70-140	-2
Adam Scott	71-69-140	-2

Jimmy Walker	69-71-140	-2
Danny Willett	69-71-140	-2
Dan Fouts	69-71-140	-2
Chandler Chaffetz	69-71-140	-2
Rafael Cabrera-Bello	69-71-140	-2
Scott Brown	71-70-141	-1
Jonas Bliat	71-70-141	-1
Fabrizio Zanotti	71-70-141	-1
Danny Willett	71-70-141	-1
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	71-70-141	-1
Kenny Perry	72-69-141	-1
Ryan Moore	73-68-141	-1
Patrick Reed	70-71-141	-1
Kevin Stadler	71-70-141	-1
Freddie Jacobson	72-69-141	-1
Ian Poulter	73-68-141	-1
Brandt Snedeker	71-70-141	-1
Brendan Steele	71-70-141	-1
Shane Lowry	70-72-142	-1
Sergio Garcia	70-72-142	-1
Bubba Watson	70-72-142	-1
Thorbjorn Olesen	71-71-142	-1
Francesco Molinari	70-72-142	-1
Luke Donaldson	70-72-142	-1
Daniel Summerhays	71-70-141	-1
Jason Bohm	71-71-142	-1
Koumei Doi	71-71-142	-1
Collin Montgomerie	70-72-142	-1
Brooks Koepka	70-72-142	-1
Justin Rose	71-71-142	-1
Marc Leishman	71-71-142	-1
Marc Warren	71-71-142	-1
Pat Perez	71-71-142	-1
Shawn Stefani	70-73-143	+1
Brandt Snedeker	70-73-143	+1
Chris Stroud	71-72-143	+1
Hideki Matsuyama	70-73-143	+1
Brendon Todd	73-70-143	+1
Graeme McDowell	73-70-143	+1

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Rory McIlroy tracked the flight of his ball as he could against the rain clouds over Valhalla on Friday, not quite sure where it landed. He turned to his caddie for confirmation and asked, "Was it good?"

"Beautiful," J.P. Fitzgerald replied, his eyes still fixed on a shot that traveled 311 yards right down the middle.

Such is the state of McIlroy's game at the PGA Championship.

He produced superior shots with his long game. He made all the right puts Friday in a round of 4-under 67. And even with a one-shot lead over Jason Day and Jim Furyk going into the weekend, there was an ominous feeling at the final major of the year.

"When I'm playing like this, it's obviously very enjoyable," McIlroy said. "I can't wait to get back out on the course again tomorrow and do the same thing all over again."

It used to be that way for Tiger Woods.

But on a day that McIlroy posted his 12th straight round under par, Woods hobbled away from Valhalla with a sore back and an uncertain future. He never came close to making the cut, and only a pair of late birdies kept it respectable. Woods had another 74 and missed the cut by five shots.

Oddly enough, McIlroy opened with the exact same scores (66-67) as Woods did 14 years ago at Valhalla when he barely outlasted Bob May in a playoff for his third straight major of the season

## Failed to make the cut

Charley Hoffman	70-74-144	+2
Erk Komper	71-73-144	+2
Gary Woodland	72-73-144	+2
Scott Piercy	72-73-144	+2
Martin Kaymer	70-74-144	+2
Tommy Fleetwood	72-73-144	+2
Tim Clark	70-74-144	+2
Patrizio Harrington	72-73-144	+2
Ryan Helminen	72-73-144	+2
Russell Henley	70-74-144	+2
Anirban Lahiri	72-73-145	+3
Tom Watkinson	72-73-145	+3
Deane Lovell III	72-73-145	+3
Saung-Vul Noh	68-77-145	+3
John Koh	74-74-145	+3
Ben Martin	71-74-145	+3
Russell Knox	72-73-145	+3
Brian Stuard	71-74-145	+3
Matt Evers	72-73-145	+3
Kevin Streelman	69-76-145	+3
Rory Shielman	72-74-146	+3
Rory Sabbatini	69-71-146	+3
Stuart Deane	75-71-146	+3
David Heaton	74-72-146	+3
Y.E. Yang	71-74-146	+3
Seamus Bradley	72-73-146	+3
Chris Kirk	74-72-146	+3
Henrik Stenson	74-72-146	+3
Paul Casey	74-72-146	+3
Kevin Na	74-72-146	+3
Steven Bowditch	74-72-146	+3
Roberto Castro	73-73-146	+3
Jamie Brodie	74-73-146	+3
Ross Fisher	73-73-146	+3
Henrik Hultberg	74-73-146	+3
Robert Karlsson	73-74-147	+3
Charles Hadley	74-73-147	+3
Webb Simpson	73-74-147	+3
Chesson Hadley	74-73-147	+3
Charles Howell III	73-74-147	+3
George Coetzee	73-74-147	+3

on his way to an unprecedented sweep of golf's biggest events.

McIlroy, who was at 9-under 133, isn't nearly at that stage. He picked up his third major — and the third leg of the career Grand Slam — last month at Royal Liverpool in a wire-to-wire win at the British Open. He followed with a comeback victory last week at Firestone for his first World Golf Championship.

The biggest difference between Valhalla now and 14 years ago was the competition lined up behind McIlroy.

Furyk, a former U.S. Open champion who was runner-up last year at the PGA, got up-and-down from behind the green on the 18th for birdie and a 68. Moments earlier, Day capped off the best round of a soggy day with a birdie on the 18th for a 65. Day has three runner-up finishes in the majors.

Right behind were Ryan Palmer (70) and Rickie Fowler (66), a runner-up in the last two majors. Not to be overlooked was Phil Mickelson, a five-time major champion who made eagle on the last hole for a 67 to get within three shots.

Even so, McIlroy is dangerous when he gets in the lead, especially at a major.

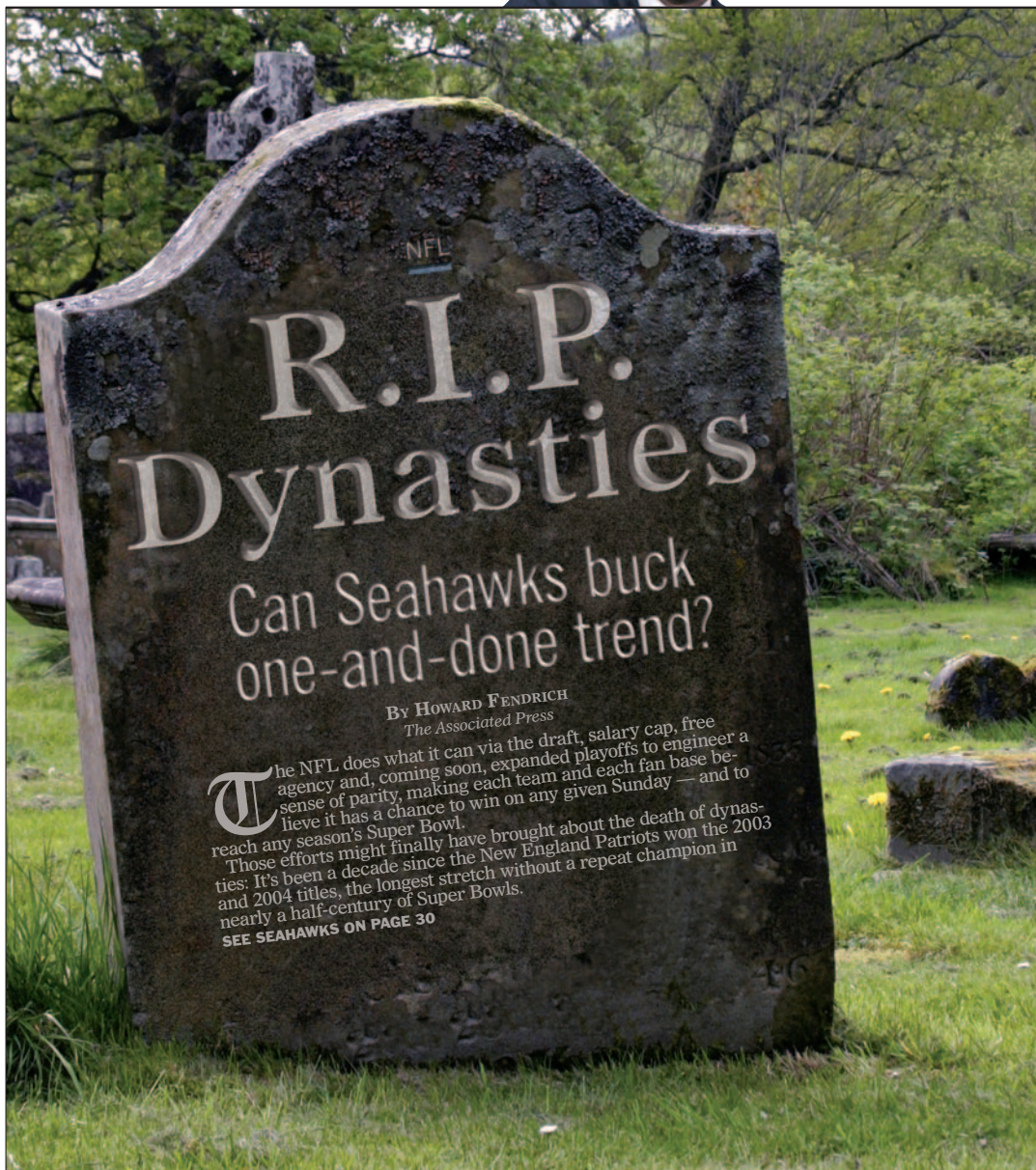
He learned his lesson at Augusta National in 2011 when he tried to protect a four-shot lead and wound up shooting 80. He bounced back for an eight-shot win at the U.S. Open, won the PGA Championship by a record eight shots a year later and only last month went wire-to-wire to win the third leg of the career Grand Slam at the British Open.

Stewart Cink	72-75-147	+5
Stephen Gallacher	70-77-147	+5
Darren Clarke	79-69-148	+6
Adam Scott	72-74-148	+6
Jordan Spieth	71-77-148	+6
John Day	76-72-148	+6
Tiger Woods	74-74-148	+6
Hyung-Sun Kim	73-75-148	+6
Steve Scheiner	73-75-148	+6
Scott Stallings	71-78-149	+7
Jim Furyk	72-74-149	+7
Rod Perry	74-75-149	+7
John Huh	76-72-149	+7
Angel Jimenez	72-79-151	+9
Bob Sowards	75-75-150	+10
Will MacKenzie	76-74-150	+10
Steve Scheiner	72-78-150	+10
Thongchai Jaidee	71-79-150	+10
Shane Lowry	74-78-151	+11
Shawn Michael	72-79-151	+9
Kevin Streelman	72-79-151	+9
K.J. Choi	72-79-151	+9
Justin Rose	72-79-151	+9
Ryan Kokrak	71-78-152	+10
Brian Norman	74-79-153	+11
Matt Peters	76-77-153	+11
Rob Corcoran	74-79-153	+11
Marko Broderick	83-74-157	+15
Jim McGovern	83-74-157	+15
Marko Broderick	79-79-157	+15
Dave Tantis	79-79-158	+16
David Hronek	81-77-158	+16
Jerry Smith	80-78-158	+16
Ben Crenshaw	79-79-161	+19
Aaron Krueger	84-77-161	+19
Dustin Volk	81-82-163	+21
Matt Peters	79-89-168	+26
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	72-72	WD
Ben Crenshaw	74-74	WD
Bob Weekley	80-80	WD
Angel Cabrera	82-82	WD

# SPORTS



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